



PERMANENT PEOPLES' TRIBUNAL

Second Session on the Philippines

Indicting the U.S.-backed Arroyo Regime for Human Rights Violations,
Economic Plunder and Transgression of the Filipino People's Sovereignty
<http://tribunal-on-the-philippines.org>

SUMMARY OF THE INDICTMENT

Plaintiffs: The Filipino People

Defendants:

Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo
Government of the Republic of the Philippines
George Walker Bush
Government of the United States of America
International Monetary Fund (IMF)
World Bank (WB)
World Trade Organization (WTO)
Multinational Corporations (MNCs), and Foreign Banks doing business in the Philippines

Complainants:

HUSTISYA!, an organization of friends and relatives of victims of human rights violations under the US-Arroyo Regime;

DESAPARECIDOS, an organization of families and friends of victims of enforced disappearance since martial law years to the present

SELDA, an association of former political detainees under martial law and up to the present, and

Bagong Alyansang Makabayan (BAYAN or New Patriotic Alliance), a broad alliance of progressive organizations committed to the struggle for national freedom, democracy and social justice.

Charges:

1. Gross and systematic violations of civil and political rights
 - 1.1. Extra-judicial killings/summary executions
 - 1.2. Enforced disappearances/abductions
 - 1.3. Torture
 - 1.4. Massacres
 - 1.5. Illegal arrest and detention
 - 1.6. Eviction, forced mass evacuation and displacement of people
 - 1.7. Attacks on communities
 - 1.8. Violent dispersal of mass protest actions

2. Gross and systematic violations of economic, social and cultural rights of the Filipino people
 - 2.1. Imposition of “free market” globalization to exploit the people by US, IMF, World, WTO, MNCs and Arroyo regime
 - 2.2. Transgression of economic sovereignty and national patrimony of the people
 - 2.3. Economic plunder by MNCs through super-profit taking and by foreign monopoly banks through the mounting debt burden
 - 2.4. Economic plunder through bureaucratic corruption
 - 2.5. Attacks on the rights of workers and peasants
 - 2.6. Attacks on the rights of women and children
 - 2.7. Attacks on the rights of national minorities
 - 2.8. Destruction of the environment

3. Gross and systematic violations of the rights of the people to national self-determination and liberation
 - 3.1. Imposition of the US war of terror on the Filipino people by the US and the Arroyo regime
 - 3.2. Violation of the people’s national sovereignty and Philippine territorial integrity through unjust military agreements with the US and through US military intervention
 - 3.3. Violation of the bans on foreign military, foreign troops and weapons of mass destruction
 - 3.4. Perpetration of crimes against humanity and crimes of war under the pretext of war on terror by US and Filipino troops against the Filipino people and national minorities
 - 3.5. Misrepresentations of the people’s right to national liberation and self-determination as terrorism
 - 3.6. Violations of the right of national minorities to self-determination
 - 3.7. Baseless “terrorist” listing of individuals, organizations and other entities by the US and other governments.

The aforesaid acts and omissions violate:

- a. The Universal Declaration of the Rights of Peoples (The Algiers Declaration of July 1979);
- b. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights of 10 December 1948;
- c. The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights of 16 December 1966;
- d. The International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights of December 16, 1966;
- e. The United Nations Convention against Torture;
- f. The GRP-NDFP Comprehensive Agreement on Respect for Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law;
- g. The 1996 GRP-MNLF Peace Agreement; and

- h. The generally accepted principles of international law which form part of the laws of the Philippines under Section 2, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution

Recommendations:

1. That the Permanent People's Tribunal (PPT) find defendants Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo and George W. Bush and their respective governments be adjudged guilty as charged of gross and systematic extra-judicial killings, gross and systematic abductions and enforced disappearances, gross and systematic torture and gross and systematic massacre of Filipino and Bangsa Moro peoples;
2. That defendants Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, George W. Bush and their respective governments be adjudged guilty as charged of deliberately and massively assaulting, attacking and imposing military occupation of communities and villages suspected as NPA-CPP-controlled or influenced areas and bailiwicks of progressive mass organizations and partylist groups.
3. That the PPT condemn the Arroyo regime's National Internal Security Plan" and its military counter-insurgency campaign, "Oplan Bantay Laya" as consisting a policy and blueprint for widespread and grievous violations of the people's rights and suppressing people's legitimate protests, resulting in state forces committing heinous atrocities against the people.
4. That the PPT condemn the US President George W. Bush and his government's active direction, encouragement and support for the Arroyo regime's NISP and Oplan Bantay Laya under the aegis of the "war against terrorism".
5. That the PPT find the Macapagal-Arroyo regime, the US government, the IMF-WB-WTO and foreign, mainly US multinational corporations and banks, guilty of collaborating to violate the economic sovereignty of the Filipino people, opening up the national patrimony to plunder by foreign capital and the national treasury to plunder by bureaucratic graft and corruption, intensifying the implementation of "neoliberal globalization" policies, thereby aggravating the misery and hardships of the broad masses of people.
6. That the PPT find the Macapagal-Arroyo regime and the Bush government guilty of collaborating to violate the national right to independence and self-determination of the Filipino people.
7. That the PPT, having found the Macapagal-Arroyo regime guilty of the above charges, declare it lacking the legitimacy, moral stature and competence to govern, to protect and uphold the rights and interests of the Filipino people and to act in their behalf.