

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL PHILIPPINES
ACTION CIRCULAR

Title: **URGENT ACTION**
EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES: STOP THE KILLINGS
DAY OF ACTION FOR THE ASEAN SUMMIT

Dates of Action: April 26 at 10am (Start Date)
April 29 (End Date)

INTERNAL: All Members

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Since President Duterte came to power, there have been over 7000 state-sponsored killings in his anti-drug campaign. There have also been many cases where alleged drug users have been killed in police custody or in police operations. In some cases, police officers have even colluded with paid killers and killed for financial incentives.

The victims of these efforts have mainly been poor, young men. The 'war on drugs', in effect, is a war on the poor. In some cases, families of killed victims have had to suffer through police theft and planting of evidence.

Meanwhile, the President has defended his anti-drugs campaign and extended it until 2022. And not a single police officer has been prosecuted or dismissed from duty in relation to killings during police drug operations. Investigations are either non-existent or weak, making any effort made by the families of victims to bring their case to court futile. Most families fear reprisal, and so do not come forward to seek justice.

THE ASEAN SUMMIT.

This coming April 26-29, as chair of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), the Philippine Government will be hosting the 30th ASEAN Summit. The summit is going to be attended by the Heads of States and leaders of the of the ASEAN (Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Burma, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam) and its dialogue partners (Australia, China, India, Japan, New Zealand, the Republic of Korea, the United States and Russia).

Amnesty International will be targeting the Philippine Government through its social media action that will be participated by more than 20 sections worldwide. It will send a strong reminder to the Philippine authorities to immediately stop the killings and ensure that prompt, independent, impartial and effective investigations into all the killings are conducted with the findings made public and criminal prosecutions to follow. It will also ask governments present at the ASEAN Summit in the Philippines to raise the issue of human rights and due process with the Philippine Government.

OUR ACTIONS

SOCIAL MEDIA ACTION ON FACEBOOK AND TWITTER



We are encouraging all AIPH members and supporters to share this graphic design (design in jpeg format will be sent through emails and shared through Facebook and Twitter) starting 10am of April 26 until April 29 using the following hashtags:

#StopTheKillings
#InvestigateTheKillings
#ASEANSummit

Please don't forget to follow Amnesty International Philippines' Facebook (facebook.com/amnestyph) and Twitter (@amnestyph) accounts for additional messages and photos

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