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Camp Crame, Quezon City



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MR MICHAEL SCHIRMER

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Dear Chairman Schirmer:

This pertains to your letter dated March 20, 2012 regarding the case of Mr. Jimmy Liguyon.

Please be informed that based on the records of Bukidnon Police Provincial Office (PPO), Mr. Jimmy Liguyon y Manlus-ag, Barangay Chairman of Dao, San Fernando, Bukidnon was killed on March 5, 2012 in Barangay Dao, San Fernando, Bukidnon by a group of armed men led by Aldy Salusad alias "Butsoy".

Initial investigation disclosed that the victim was having a conversation with his two (2) brothers, namely: Emilio M. Liguyon and Arsel M. Liguyon, inside his house when a group of armed men appeared. The suspect, Aldy Saludad, talked to the victim and after several minutes shot him with the use of M16 rifle that caused his death. Before the suspects left, they threatened to kill the victim's brother and those who will refuse to sign the San Fernando Matigsalug Tribal Datus (SANMATRIDA) certification.

Allegedly, SANMATRIDA is a cause oriented group which had been eyeing a large portion of the ancestral domain area in the Municipality of San Fernando of which Barangay Dao is a part for mining. On the other hand, the victim, who was also the Vice Chairman of an organization known as KASAMA/KATRIBO/KASILO, strongly opposes SANMATRIDA's introduction of the proposed large scale mining to the residents of San Fernando, Bukidnon.

Immediately upon receipt of the report, elements of the San Fernando Municipal Police Station proceeded to the crime scene to investigate. Affidavits were then taken by the investigator from the complainant and witnesses for the filing of case against the suspects.

Subsequently, a case was referred to the Bukidnon Provincial Prosecutor's Office against Aldy Salusad alias Butsoy and fourteen (14) John Does docketed under NPS number X-01-INV-12-C-00119.

Currently, Bukidnon Police Provincial Office is still continuously conducting indepth investigation to uncover other possible motives and to gather additional evidences. Also, tracker teams were already activated and organized in order to conduct an intensified manhunt operation for the purpose of locating the suspects and cause their immediate arrest.

Further be informed that the PNP strongly and vehemently condemn the killings of human rights defenders and all other forms of human rights abuses. Rest assured of the PNP's continued cooperation on matters of mutual concern.

In the name of human rights we remain.

Very truly yours,

ALEX PAUL I MONTEAGUDO, CESE

Police Chief Superintendent

OIC, Director for Investigation and

Detective Management

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Chief, PNP TACDS

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MEMORANDUM

FOR : Directorate for Investigation and Detective Management

NHQ PNP, Camp Crame, Quezon City

(Attn: CMD/TF USIG Secretariat)

FROM : Acting Chief, RIDMD

SUBJECT: SWR Re: Shooting to Death of Brgy. Chairman Jimmy Liguyon

DATE : April 13, 2012

1. REFERENCES:

a. Memo from OIC, DIDM dated March 28, 2012; and

b. SWR from Bukidnon Police Provincial Office dated April 12, 2012.

BACKGROUND:

This pertains to the shooting incident that transpired at Barangay Dao, San Fernando, Bukidnon on or about 6:30 in the evening of March 05, 2012 wherein the victim is one JIMMY LIGUYON Y MANLUS-AG, 27 years old, single, incumbent Barangay Chairman of the said place, who was shot to death by a group of fully armed men led by ALDY SALUSAD a.k.a. BUTSOY.

3. SITUATION:

Investigation disclosed that the victim was having a conversation with his two brothers known as EMILIO M LIGUYON and ARSEL M LIGUYON inside his house regarding their livelihood, when a group of fully armed men numbering to fifteen (15), wearing fatigue uniforms, appeared.

One of them identified as ALDE SALUSAD alias BUTSOY talked with Barangay Chairman JIMMY LIGUYON, but minutes later, shot the victim using an M16 rifle. Victim sustained three gunshot wounds on the chest and back which caused his death, while the suspects left and further threatened that they will kill the victim's brother and those who refuse to sign the SANMATRIDA certification.

ACTIONS TAKEN:

Upon receipt of the report, personnel of San Fernando MPS led by PSI ALLAN ABALDE proceeded to the area together with the Municipal Health Officer to conduct further investigation and post mortem examination. Affidavit taking from the complainant and witnesses was then initiated by the Investigator for filling of case against the suspects.

Subsequently a case for Murder was filed at the Prosecutor's Office against ALDE SALUSAD alias BUTSOY and fourteen (14) JOHN DOES docketed under NPS number X-01-INV-12-C-00119 and recently, subpoena were already issued to the complainant, witnesses and to the suspects.

5. COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATION:

Based on the investigation conducted, the killing of Barangay Chairman JIMMY LIGUYON is one of the desperate moves of the breakaway group of CPP/NPA/NDF (CNN) led by ALDE SALUSAD alias BUTSOY to show their persistent interest in the existence of large scale mining to be operated by the SANMATRIDA organization in the area.

Allegedly, the group is a breakaway of the CNN led by KA JIGGER and KA RAYA, and are the proponents of SANMATRIDA. SANMATRIDA is a cause oriented group which had been eyeing a large portion of the ancestral domain area in the Municipality of San Fernando of which Barangay Dao is a part of it. They believed that not only the local populace will be benefited in the operation of big scale mining in the area, but also individuals coming from other places and even the CNNs who will be protecting sympathizers who are into the said mining activity.

Accordingly, the victim was the Vice Chairman of the CNN's backed-up organization known as the KASAMA/KATRIBU/KASILO by which KA BUTSOY's group had been cautious of who will strongly oppose the introduction of the proposed large scale mining to the residents in the area.

This office is still conducting thorough investigation and Intelligence gathering to determine the real motive of the crime as well as gathering more evidences and witnesses in order to have a strong case against the suspects who are still at large.

Any development relative to this case will be forwarded to that office as soon as obtained.

Request acknowledge receipt.

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By:

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ATTY. FARO ANTONIO O OLAGUERA, CSEE
Police Superintendent (DSC)