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## Suspected murderer of human rights defender and indigenous leader Mr. Jimmy Liguyon still not arrested

Your Excellency,

The German-based Action Network Human Rights-Philippines (AMP) has been concerned for many years about the continuing phenomena of political killings and the prevailing impunity in the Philippines. In this context we would like to draw your attention to the killing of human rights defender Jimmy Liguyon one year ago, on March 5, 2012, inside his home in Barangay Dao. Until today, the alleged murderer, Alde Salusad, a leader of a paramilitary group, has not been arrested. Mr. Nestor Fajura, PNP HRO Chief, personally confirmed in a meeting with our coordinator on July 3, 2012 that the local police in Bukidnon knows about the whereabouts of Alde Salusad alias "Butsoy" but refrains from arresting him, because of possible interventions by the armed group SANMATRIDA.

We share the concern of our partner organizations in the Philippines that even after a year of the killing of Mr. Liguyon the warrant of arrest against Alde Salusad has not been served. Unless impunity is broken and justice for victims of human rights violations is ensured, the political killings will remain.

On July 19, 2012 we already addressed our concern regarding this matter to the former PNP Chief Mr. Bartolome. Until today we have not received any reply.

Therefore we call again on the Government of the Philippines

- to direct the PNP to do its duty and enforce the warrant of arrest against Alde "Butsoy" Salusad,
- to protect the available witnesses and record their testimonies,
- to undertake the necessary steps that will guaranty an immediate, impartial and thorough investigation on the murder of Mr. Liguyon.

We trust that you will take this case serious and we are looking forward to receive information about the action you will take.

Members: Amnesty International, Brot für die Welt-Evangelischer Entwicklungsdienst, International Peace Observers Network, Misereor, Missio, philippinenbüro e.V., Vereinte Evangelische Mission



Yours Sincerely,



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(Chair)



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P.S.: A Letter to the same effect was sent to the DILG and the DoJ.

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**About the Action Network Human Rights - Philippines**

*The Action Network Human Rights - Philippines was formed in August 2007 to promote lobby- and information work in Germany regarding the human rights situation in the Philippines. Through its office, the network coordinates publications, events and lobby activities. Target groups are political decision makers, human rights defenders and social activists as well as the media in Germany and Europe.*

*Member organizations are Amnesty International Germany, Bread for the World – Church Development Service, International Peace Observers Network (IPON), Misereor, Missio, philippinenbüro and United Evangelical Mission (UEM). The main focuses of the network are extrajudicial killings and enforced disappearances.*

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