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RESIST THE FASCIST ATTACKS AGAINST THE PEOPLE!

The Duterte government's "all-out war" declaration has translated into escalated fascist attacks against the people.

At around nine o'clock in the morning, development worker and human rights activist, Sarah Abellon-Alikes was brazenly and illegally arrested by the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) without a warrant. She is now unjustly detained without charges at Camp Bado Dangwa, La Trinidad, Benguet after she was transferred from the Philippine National Police Substation 3 in Pacdal, Baguio City.

Sarah is a member of the Board of the Regional Development Center – Kattinulong Dagiti Umili ti Amianan – a non-government institution providing services for marginalized communities in Northern Luzon. She is also a member of the Cordillera Peoples Alliance. She is the daughter of the late Anglican Bishop Richard Abellon, Sr.

Up to this hour, no charges have been filed against her.

The Cordillera Human Rights Alliance and the Cordillera Peoples Alliance strongly condemn this illegal arrest and detention. We demand that Sarah Abellon-Alikes be immediately and unconditionally released.

We also condemn in the same light, the heavy militarization of the region and the ongoing military combat operations as currently depicted in the following indigenous communities:

- 2 companies of the 21st Infantry Battalion of the 7th Infantry Division in Sallapadan, Lacub and Malibcong, Abra
- 1 company of the 81st Infantry Battalion of the 5th Infantry Division in Quirino, Ilocos Sur, in Tubo, Abra and in Mankayan, Benguet
- 2 companies of the 50th Infantry Battalion of the 5th Infantry Division in Balbalan and Pinukpuk, Kalinga
- 54th Infantry Battalion of the 5th Infantry Division in Asipulo, Ifugao

The terror unleashed by the Duterte administration, warmonger Cabinet members and advisers and the State security forces should be squarely resisted by the people.

We call on all peace-loving citizens to urge the government to pursue the path to peace and address the roots of the armed conflict. The gains that were made in the last rounds of talk and the agreements that have been signed between the two parties should be respected and implemented. The peace talks should not be confined to defining ceasefires. We must collectively emphasize that at the heart of the peace talks are the issues of the people that need to be addressed.

FREE SARAH ABELLON-ALIKES! FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS!

**STOP MILITARIZING OUR COMMUNITIES! PULL OUT ALL AFP TROOPS AND
PARAMILITARY FROM OUR ANCESTRAL DOMAIN!**

RESUME PEACE TALKS, NOW!

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