



CORDILLERA PEOPLES ALLIANCE

For the Defense of the Ancestral Domain and for Self Determination

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Only Fools Like 'Randy Kidman'

Not once, twice but even thrice did the undersigned mull it over if he should react to the letter of a certain Randy Kidman published in the Mountain Province Exponent last September 16, 2011, but the accusations and allegations are way too preposterous. The readers of Mountain Province Exponent deserve no less than better judgment and the truth. In fact, I ask, does Kidman's letter even pass for a space in a well-read provincial newspaper?

The credibility of the letter-sender is highly questionable, as there is no such name existing in Mountain Province. The letter-sender is a fictitious character—not flesh and blood nor breathing—and thus, his accusations and pronouncements in his letter are nothing but lies—and the people of Mountain Province are not fools. If there was any truth to any of his accusations, the letter sender must state his real name and other related information. It is clear as day that only the writer believes what he says. We have to give credit to CPDF Spokesperson Simon Naogsan who gives statements openly and under his name.

Kidman's letter is a manifestation of the continuing policy of State terrorism and political repression—Oplan Bantay Laya I and II under the Arroyo regime and now, Oplan Bayanihan under the Aquino II administration. The contents of Kidman's letter is recycled military black propaganda which vilifies and red-tags innocent civilians, leaders and members of progressive organizations like the Cordillera Peoples Alliance (CPA) who are in fact *kakailian* and have done nothing wrong but serve the interest of their fellow Igorots and the people. This vilification and red-tagging has resulted in various, grave human rights violations of political activists, such as Markus Bangit and Alyce Claver of Kalinga and Mountain Province, respectively, who are victims of extrajudicial killings, and many others; and James Balao who has not been surfaced since abducted four years ago in La Trinidad, Benguet. Kidman's letter is an extreme act of desperation—having to manufacture facts and conjure stories to spread poison in a dire attempt to defeat the truth. This is a classic example of military black propaganda.

For the issues raised against Nieves Dacyon, she does not deserve the vilification or demonizing. Nor does her sister, who is NOT a member of the New People's Army, BUT a member of the Cordillera Peoples Alliance. Nor does KATRIBU Indigenous Peoples Partylist deserve the red-tagging and vilification. If not for the massive electoral fraud, cheating and violence under the Arroyo regime, orchestrated by none other than Arroyo's minions and the military, KATRIBU may have won a seat in Congress. There is no mistaking KATRIBU and its member organizations' track record, when it comes to upholding, asserting indigenous peoples rights and serving the people. Furthermore, the League of Progressive Students is a member of the Mountain Province Youth Association, an affiliate of the CPA chapter in Mountain Province.

Thus, we challenge the letter-sender to come out in the open. If there is any truth to his statements, then he must not hide. But history has shown us that this has never happened, for the perpetrators of human rights violations and the military are liars and cowards. Furthermore, the letter-sender has no right to speak for or in behalf of the people of Bontoc, because lying is not our character and attitude in Mountain Province. *Ngaag ya nan aped inkotkotog; lawa/inayan nan men kamkampot.*

The Cordillera Peoples Alliance is for the peaceful resolution of the issues surrounding the Mountain Province State Polytechnic College (MPSPC). Legitimate issues must be addressed, and rights of all concerned must be respected and upheld. We call on the people of Mountain Province to be vigilant and condemn these acts of cowardice, vilification and demonizing of our *kailian*. *Agsinnakit tayo nga Igorot.*

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