The Philippines

The People’s Resistance to a Creeping Fascist Dictatorship

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The Filipino people have historically struggled against colonialism and fascism.
U.S.-backed puppet dictators
Marcos-Reagan
Duterte-Trump
The People’s State of the Nation

8 REASONS TO UNITE FOR A PEOPLE'S SONA

Courtesy of Malaya Movement
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Duterte's Charter Change is veiled under the guise of federalism. In reality, it is a move by Duterte and the ruling dynasties to extend their tyrannical rule and allow more foreign control over basic industries.

Without a significant change in the social structure of the Philippines, any change in the form of government or constitution will not benefit the people.
The tax reform law—Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion—was implemented in January 2018 that

- reduces income tax by 25% for income in excess of P250K
- reduces corporate tax by 20%
- increases tax for commodities and services
- will fund 75+ Build Build Build infrastructure projects

It is a law that enriches the rich and burdens the majority!
Contractualization or endo (end of contract) is a capitalist scheme to maximize profits by cutting down on labor costs and evading accountability. Workers are forced to work to the bone without job security, wage increase, benefits or safe working conditions. This exploitative labor practice is further reinforced by the state through its repressive laws and the police.
PROVINCE OF CHINA/U.S. OUTPOST

The U.S. gives $111M in military aid to fund counterinsurgency programs and the drug war to protect its interests in the Philippines. Even in the US, the PH Consulate parrots the lies of US immigration officials, as in the torture of Muslim human rights activist Jerome Aba.

China gives $7.3M in military aid and is occupying Philippine islands. Further, Chinese firms have a $322M contract to rebuild Marawi City.

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#BABAEAKO

Duterte perpetuates a culture of misogyny through his blatant, incessant sexist jokes, gestures, speeches and actions. Duterte's regime inflicts violence against women through the drug war, his lack of support of the Divorce Bill, and the overall lack of social and economic reforms that deprive women of their social, political and economic rights.

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MARTIAL LAW, KILLINGS & HRVS

Duterte's human rights violations surpasses Marcos': "war on drugs" is essentially a war on the poor that has killed more than 20,000 people. Martial Law in Mindanao resulted in death, destruction, and displacement. Oplan Kapayapaan has targeted and killed activists and human rights defenders.
NEGLECT OF MIGRANTS

Filipino migrants in the U.S. suffer under Trump's racist, anti-migrant, anti-worker policies. Filipino migrants continue to suffer from human trafficking, discrimination and deportation. Despite our kababayans' contributions, the Philippine state neglects its responsibility to protect the rights and welfare of its people abroad. Further, the problems detailed above perpetuate the conditions that force Filipinos to leave the country at a rate of 6300 per day just to make a living for their families.
PEACE TALKS

Duterte has "wishes" that essentially are unjust pre-conditions hindering the resumption of formal talks between the GRP and the NDF. He wants to stage localized negotiations, which violate the joint agreement on Peace Negotiations to be hosted in a foreign neutral venue. These negotiations are "old discredited psywar tactic" that would turn out into staged peace talks between the government and "fake" NPA rebels. The Duterte administration does not want to implement real social and economic changes to the Philippines as outlined in the Comprehensive Agreement on Social & Economic Reform (CASER).
The growing power of the trade union movement
Violent dispersal of NutriAsia workers on strike on July 30, 2018

Philippine National Police arrested 19 people including journalists and two Filipino Americans.

Workers calling for a boycott of the NutriAsia brand.
#BoycottNutriAsia
tinyurl.com/SupportNutriAsiaStrike
The Case of Sister Patricia Fox

Red tagging, harassment, criminalization, and deportation of solidarity activists and church people.
The case of Moro activist Jerome Aba
Repression of Filipino activists on U.S. soil
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