

# Elago's ‘no-show’ in Senate hearing disappointing

**MANILA** -- A ranking official of the National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (NTF ELCAC) on Wednesday expressed disappointment over the absence of Kabataan Party-list Rep. Sarah Elago at a Senate hearing convened to look into the cases of minors who reportedly went missing shortly after being allegedly recruited by militant group Anak-bayan.

"We were disappointed with the absence of Rep. Sarah Elago during the Senate hearing called by Senator (Ronald) dela Rosa. We wanted her to explain how her organization, as well as the other Kamatayan (Makabayan) bloc organizations mentioned by the crying parents like Bayan Muna, are being patriotic (Makabayan) by causing the disappearance of their children, who are supposed to be in school," Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) Deputy Chief-of-Staff for Civil-Military Operations, Major

Gen. Antonio Parlade, Jr., said in a statement sent to the Philippine News Agency Wednesday.

Prior to their disappearance, Parlade said parents of the missing minors claimed that their children became liars and disrespectful.

This misbehavior of the children continued until these minors finally left home for good to join the underground movement.

"Many of these children have returned in cadaver

bags, after joining the NPA (New People's Army) and fighting the government. Many have been exploited by this fake sense of nationalism, pushed to the hills and asked to sacrifice for the masses, while their representatives are enjoying the perks of their offices," Parlade said.

He added that Elago's presence in the hearing is very important so she can explain what she can do to help prevent more exploitation of these minors who are supposed to be studying in

school.

"We wanted to ask what else can be legislated to protect our youth and children in schools and keep them out of harm's way," Parlade added.

He also urged the National Union of Peoples' Lawyer (NUPL) to help the parents of these missing minors.

"What about NUPL? What can we do to fight for the rights of the parents? All of them need legal assistance to seek remedy from those responsible for their radicalization," he added.

## SC affirms decision on 'bidding' for power supply deals

**MANILA** -- The Supreme Court (SC) affirmed with finality its decision directing the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) to conduct a competitive selection process (CSP) on all power supply agreements (PSAs) submitted by distribution utilities.

In an advisory Wednesday,

SC Public Information Office chief and spokesperson Brian Hokasa confirmed that resolution was made during its July 23 en banc session and denied the motions for reconsiderations filed by the Office of the Solicitor General (OSG) on behalf of the ERC and the counsel for Panay Energy Development Corporation (PEDC).

"Acting on the following motions for reconsideration of the decision dated May 3, 2019, the Court resolved, by the same vote and with Associate Justice Henri Jean Paul Inting joining the majority, to deny with finality the said motions for reconsideration as the basic issues raised therein have been passed upon by this Court and no substantial arguments were presented to warrant the reversal of the questioned decision," the Court ruled.

In its original May 3, 2019 decision, the Court held that the ERC gravely abused its discretion and therefore exceeded its jurisdiction when it unilaterally postponed the effectivity of the CSP requirement for power distributors to get at least two offers for supply of electricity before awarding a PSA, ensuring the

least cost for electricity consumers.

The Court pointed out that the authority of the ERC was limited only to the implementation of the CSP, and that the ERC had no power and authority to postpone the CSP's application.

All PSA applications submitted by the DUs on or after June 30, 2015, were required to comply with the CSP in accordance with 2015 circular issued by the Department of Energy (DOE).

In the same ruling, the SC ordered that the power purchase cost after compliance with the CSP shall retroact to the date of the effectivity of the PSA, "but in no case earlier than June 30, 2015, for purposes of passing the purchase cost to the consumers."

The petitioner in the case claim that by extending the CSP deadline from November 2015 to April 2016, the ERC allowed Meralco, along with its seven affiliated power generating companies, tying up 3,551 megawatts, or 90 percent of its supply, to enter 20-year contracts that would cost consumers PHP12.44 billion a year. (PNA)

"Or is the group, along with NUPL Secretary-General, Atty. Edre Olalia, too busy defending the rights of captured NPA terrorists reportedly responsible for the torture and execution of four police officers in Ayungon town, Negros Oriental last July 18?"

He added that rather than devoting time in appealing to the Supreme Court their petition on the writs of Amparo and habeas data, Parlade enjoined the NUPL help the government fight for the rights of missing children and their parents.

NUPL, he said, can also help file charges even against teachers and school administrators who could be liable for negligence, by virtue of the principle of locus parentis, especially if they are found to be encouraging the kids to join violent rallies themselves, in exchange for better grades.

In loco parentis is a Latin term for "in the place of a parent" that refers to the le-

gal responsibility of a person or organization to take on some of the functions and responsibilities of a parent.

"Time for healing. Give up armed struggle," he said.

On Wednesday, parents of the missing students shared their ordeal in a hearing conducted by the Senate committee on public order and dangerous drugs.

Committee chair and former Philippine National Police chief, Senator Ronaldo "Bato" dela Rosa, recognized the parents' ordeal and expressed dismay on schools and plans to put in place corresponding sanctions for allowing communism to corrupt the students' minds.

The Communist Party of the Philippines and its armed wing, New People's Army, are listed as a terrorist organization by the United States, European Union, United Kingdom, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, and the Philippines. (PNA)

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**EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH PARTITION**

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **RICARDO BALIDO ENDOZO** who died on September 12, 1985 in Mendez, Cavite; **FRANCISCA P. ENDOZO**, who died on February 6, 1936 in Mendez, Cavite. That the deceased at the time of their death left several parcels of land to wit:

**Tax Declaration No. 494 (14-0003-0236)** located at Brgy. 3 (Poblacion III), Mendez, Cavite  
Type: Building  
Classification: Residential  
Area: 30 sq.m.  
**Tax Declaration No. 1896 (14-0016-00257)** located at Comilap Galicia (Brgy. Bucal), Mendez, Cavite  
Classification: Residential  
Area: 585 sq.m.  
**Tax Declaration No. 1897 (14-0016-00274)** located at Galicia (Brgy. Galicia II), Mendez, Cavite  
Classification: Residential  
Area: 112 sq.m.  
**Tax Declaration No. 7668 (14-0016-00177 to 81)** located at Taludtod, Galicia (Brgy. Bucal), Mendez, Cavite  
Classification: Agricultural  
Area: 6,025 sq.m. (5.376 sq.m.)  
500 trees  
and hereby agreed, as they hereby agree, to adjudicate among themselves the above described real properties, together with improvements, as follows:  
LEONARDO E. ROCILLO and FLORINDA ROCILLO ANCHETA, TD 7668 (14-0016-00181); Lot 1731, 995 sq.m.  
JIMENO P. ENDOZO, TD 7668 (14-0016-00180); Lot No. 1732, 995 sq.m.; TD 1897 (140016-00274); 112 sq.m.  
EDITHAP.ALMONTE and MARIO E. PANGANIBAN, TD 7668 (14-0016-00179); Lot 1733; 995 sq.m.  
LOLITA P. PENDON, TD 7668 (14-0016-00178); Lot 1734, 996 sq.m.  
SONIA E. DIMARANAN and AIDA A. ENDOZA, TD 7668 (14-0016-00177); Lot 1735, 996 sq.m.; TD 1896 (14-0016-00257) 585 sq.m.; TD 494 (14-0003-0236) 30 sq.m. and has been adjudicated by heirs as per Doc No. 387; Page No. 79; Book No. XIV; Series of 2019 Before Atty. Antonio A. Margallo, Jr., Notary Public.

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