

Kapa members tagged in Kidapawan radio anchor's slay

MANILA -- Three members of the Kapa-Community Ministry International (Kapa) were tagged in the murder of Brigada News FM radio anchor Eduardo “Ed” Dizon in Kidapawan City, Cotabato last July 10.

In a Malacañang press briefing on Thursday, Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO) Secretary Martin Andanar and Presidential Task Force on Media Security (PTFoMS) Executive Director Joel Egco presented two witnesses who confirmed the killing.

The two witnesses, Renato Sardoncillo and Hilario Lape Jr., are now under the witness protection program.

Lape, a spotter during Dizon’s killing, bared the names of three out of 10 Kapa members who were in a meeting to carry out the plan. The six others are still being identified.

According to Lape, the three Kapa members involved in Dizon’s killing are Dante Tabusares (alias Bong Encarnacion) who is Kapa media coordinator for North Cotabato; Jun Jacolbe, Tabusares’ right hand man; and Jonel Hero-saga, the gunman.

Egco said his office also obtained information that shows that Herosaga is moonlighting as a body-guard of a local politician in Kidapawan City whom he did not name.

“Nagkusang-loob na si Mr. Lape na lumutang at mag—since siya naman iyang least ‘no masasabi natin, so far ‘no, siya iyong least guilty, siya iyong nag-qualify for state witness tapos kinuwento na niya lahat (Mr. Lape willingly presented himself because he is who we can say is least guilty, he is qualified as state witness and bared everything),” Egco said.

Egco, meanwhile, expressed confidence that the case would soon be concluded as soon as respective warrants of arrests for the suspects are served.

He assured that the suspects will be given due process and the opportunity to disprove the witnesses’ allegations.

100 percent sure
Madonna Dizon, widow of the slain radio anchor, hailed the PTFoMS for quickly identifying her husband’s killers.

“I am commending the effort of the leadership of Usec. Egco na kung saan

ay (where) on the third day ng—after the death of my husband ay nagbigay na po siya ng positibong... kumbaga, pananaw ‘no sa kaso ni Ed (he gave us positive outlook on Ed’s case),” Dizon said.

“And of course, he has given us a high confidence na maso-solve po ang problema (that the problem will be solved),” she added.

Dizon said she was positive that the Kapa members were behind her husband’s murder since they have been receiving death threats days before he was shot dead.

“Yes, 100 percent po sir. Kasi wala naman po kaming ibang threat na nata-tanggap at wala naman po kaming binabanggang iba kundi ang Kapa lamang na operation sa Kidapawan (Because we didn’t receive other threats and we’re not hitting anyone except Kapa operations in Kidapawan),” Dizon said.

She said while she and her husband had these threats blotted, they failed to request for security.

“Kaya hindi po kami nag-request ng security noon, kasi nakasanayan na namin doon na talagang iyon naman talaga ang kan-

yang trabaho, pag may kagalit po siya ay tini-threat niya (We didn’t request for security before because we got used to those threats because of his job, when he makes enemies, he’s threatened),” Dizon said.

“Pero hindi po namin naisip na mag-asawa ay mayroon na po siyang kakayanan na gawin ito (But we never thought that they would have the capacity to do this),” she added.

Other witnesses urged to come out

Andanar said the witnesses were presented to ensure that they would be given government protection as they are being subjected to intimidation or other forms of threat by the suspects.

Moreover, the PCOO chief said it should also serve as encouragement to other witnesses in previous incidence of media violence to “come out in the open and help bring about justice” to slain media workers.

To date, murder charges have already been filed against the suspects as early as July 22, merely weeks after the shooting incident.

“The immediate action of the government on Ed Dizon’s case through PTFoMS is a testament to the Duterte administration’s commitment since day one, to protect the life, liberty, and security of media workers. It underscores the Duterte administration’s relentless and uncompromising stand to address the problem of media violence through the PTFoMS,” Andanar said.

Andanar said with the PTFoMS, the culture of impunity “is slowly becoming history” as more and more incidents of media violence are being thoroughly investigated and solved.

President Rodrigo Duterte ordered the closure of Kapa last June after the discovery of its illegal investment scam.

Under Administrative Order No. 1, the PTFoMS is tasked to protect the media from all forms of harassment, and to look into the killings of journalists. (PNA)

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Amen.

O BLOOD AND WATER WHICH FLOWED OUT FROM THE HEART OF JESUS AS A FOUNTAIN OF MERCY FOR US, I TRUST IN YOU!



Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, Have Mercy on us and on the whole world. Amen.

3 O’CLOCK PRAYER

“You died Jesus, but the source of life flowed out for souls and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fountain of Life immeasurable Divine Mercy, cover the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.”

“O Blood and Water which flowed out from the heart of Jesus as a Fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in you!”

“Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One have mercy on us and on the whole world.” (3x)
Amen.

Jesus, King of Mercy, I trust in you!

Proper education helps curb early pregnancy: Briones

MANILA -- Education Secretary Leonor Briones on Thursday stressed the importance of proper education in addressing early pregnancy in the country.

“In DepEd (Department of Education), we’re trying to put in what we described as ‘liberating kind of education’. We are adjusting our curriculum to the new generation, especially the generation Z,” Briones said at the “Kapit-Kamay” Summit in Pasay City.

In compliance with President Rodrigo Duterte’s directive, the DepEd held the summit to discuss and understand the dimensions – education, health, development, child protection, media and technology, and social and community – of early pregnancy and forge a multi-stakeholder solution moving forward.

Briones said the Filipino youth must be empowered with knowledge and socio-emotional skills so they can make informed choices.

“We need to make programs, services, and support systems available. The DepEd is currently developing standards for efficient and effective instruction and delivery of Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) concepts,” she added.

To better help learners understand the implications of adolescent pregnancy nationwide, Briones said CSE concepts would be integrated in the curriculum, adding that they would be “age-appropriate, culturally-sensitive, and evidence-based”.

In line with this, Briones noted the importance of having more guidance counselors in schools who could assist learners with their concerns and sexuality education.

“We are advocating for the recruitment of more guidance counselors but among the challenges of DepEd is to hire them because there’s not so many of them,” she said.

“We need to capacitate our teachers on teaching sexuality education. There is a need for teachers to be more trained to help curb increasing cases of early pregnancy,” she added.

Representatives from other government agencies, private sector, youth-led organizations, and development partners attended the summit which ended with the Manila Declaration on the Prevention of Early Pregnancy.

According to the 2017 National Demographic and Health Survey by the Philippine Statistics Authority, there is an increasing prevalence of premarital sex over the years, from 18 percent in 1994 to 32 percent in 2013.

The survey said one out of three Filipino youth engages in premarital sex and which results in the increasing cases of adolescent pregnancy especially in the urban areas. (PNA)

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