

'Bakwit' mural in Manila plain Red propaganda: Parlade

MANILA -- While citing that is artistically impressive, the mural depicting efforts of indigenous peoples (IPs) to survive despite the alleged violence caused by the invasion of military troops is just part of the lies and propaganda being disseminated by the Communist Party of the Philippines-New People's Army (CPP-NPA) and its allies.

This was the reaction of Major Gen. Antonio Parlade, Jr., of the National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (NTF-ELCAC), to the "Bakwit" mural painted by artist Archie Oclos on the wall of a 14-storey building in Malate, Manila.

"Art is a perfect medium for sending messages. It can capture images of places many of us have no chance of ever visiting, of people we have no chance of ever meeting. An artist's interpretation of the place and people whose images he or she captures can also affect the message and how viewers understand the artwork," he said in a statement Wednesday.

'Art' of deception
While lauding Oclos for

his passion, dedication and the risk the artist undertook in scaling and completing his mural, Parlade said the artwork is deceptive as it is part of the communist rebels propaganda to recruit additional cadres and paint a very different version of the government and the military.

"But for those who are informed and knows the workings of the Communist Party of the Philippines, that artwork is deceptive, especially with those text scribbled at the bottom. It is propaganda, plain and simple," the NTF-ELCAC official stressed.

He added that sowing lies and deception are easy for the CPP and the National Democratic Front (NDF) as they have been practicing these for the past 50 years.

"After 50 years they have perfected this art and have deceived us in many ways. As a result they have effectively infiltrated our ranks without us knowing it. Now they appear dressed in religious garb and pretend to be rural missionaries, some as religious brothers. In reality they are working for the destruction of the

church (they are God-less, by the way) and are destroying our children in these schools called Alternative Learning Center for Agricultural and Livelihood Development, Inc. (ALCADEV) and Salugpungan," said Parlade, who is also Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) deputy chief-of-staff for civil-military operation.

He also scored the CPP-NPA and its allies for representing themselves as human rights advocates and defenders of the poor but all they do is defend the rights of communist terrorists who have been killing IPs and hapless civilians not inclined to support their cause.

"They introduce themselves as progressive groups advocating 'Save Our Schools', but are in fact using this as a smear campaign to vilify government forces trying to prevent more killings by their NPA conduits. They introduce themselves as makabayan (patriotic) when all they do is rally in the streets, shoo away investors, recruit more children to become fighters, threaten businesses who do not pay their extortion demand, radicalize teachers to push their students to the streets and eventually to the hills," he added.

In the case of a talented artist like Oclos, Parlade said these individuals are encouraged to paint the alleged dire situation of the IPs once they are enticed to join CPP-legal front organizations like "ARTISTA" (Artista at Teatro para sa Sining ng Bayan) and "KARATULA".

"Oclos is lucky if he is not yet a member of the underground mass organization of 'ARTISTA' which is 'ARMAS' (Artista at Manunulat ng Sambayanan), in which in case he could be a full-time CPP cadre already. In any case, scaling the mountains as a CPP-NPA cadre should not be a difficult task for him anymore,"

he added.

Parlade said the story depicted by the mural as "sublime" but debasing as it tells lies about the fabricated and exaggerated AFP human rights abuses considering that the military has no record of human rights abuse for the past several years.

"Stealing chickens may have happened during the Martial Law years but it is now 2019 and the AFP has zero human rights abuses for the last several years. They buy their chicken in Jollibee, and give some to our Manobo brothers. This is the same story they peddle, in Europe and UN, through CPP-front organizations like Ibon Foundation and Karapatan," he said.

The mural's subtle message, he said, is to arouse the sentiment of the youth and used that anger in mobilizing them to fight against the government

"How many more artworks will they create, not simply for art's sake but for the purpose of AROUSING the sentiments of the youth and the innocent, using false narratives such as this. What will follow is ORGANIZING them into progressive allies, and finally MOBILIZING them to fight their government. Three important operative words that all communists propagandists use to destroy our society: Arouse, Organize, and Mobilize," he said.

'Bakwit' tactic
Parlade also explained what "bakwit" (evacuees) really means for the CPP-NPA is merely a tactic they employ to disrupt and derail government interventions and development programs in the IP communities which they have converted as their guerrilla bases.

"This is the story of the CPP's artificial hamlet in the Haran Compound in Davao City. The testimony of the recent Haran Lumad escapees are glaring evidence of this deception of the CPP and its front NGOs which have been collecting millions of Euros from unsuspecting donors in Europe," the military official

DOTr vows to speed up implementation of infra projects

MANILA -- The Department of Transportation (DOTr) vows to fast-track the implementation of its infrastructure projects to cushion the impact of the delay on the passage of the 2019 national budget.

Transportation Secretary Arthur Tugade said they have committed to fast-track the disbursement for the projects to offset the decline in spending due to the budget impasse and the election ban on public works earlier this year.

"Yung commitment ko ho diyan doon sa actual disbursement per budget namin, ang commitment ko kay Sec. Sonny at sa economic managers, habulin namin ng mga 76 percent accomplishment catch-up plan. May catch-up plan na

stressed.
Killing also became rampant among Manobos and IPs as trespassing CPP-NPA cadres have destroyed the cultural fabric of these communities.

"They have totally disregarded the norms and values, subverting their Bagani defense system, recruiting their leaders to fight those who would not support the CPP cause, radicalizing students of the AICADEV and the Tribal Filipino Program in Surigao Del Sur (TRIFPSS), until the children would end up fighting and killing their elders. Emerito Samarca, the ALCADEV Director and Secretary of the CPP's Regional White Area Committee, who is in charge of infiltrating and organizing front organizations for the CPP, would have suffered the wrath of the IPs he have duped," he added.

Parlade also dismissed Oclos' claims that he got his inspiration after meeting and hearing stories from IPs in Mindanao who have allegedly experienced violence in the hands of the military.

kami (Our commitment to our actual disbursement per budget, our commitment to Finance Sec. Dominguez and to the economic managers, we aim to accomplish 76 percent of our catch-up plan. We already have a catch-up plan)," Tugade told reporters on the sidelines of the Maritime Industry Authority's 45th-anniversary celebration on Wednesday at Port Area, Manila.

The Economic Development Cluster announced last May 24 that the government is implementing a "catch-up strategy" for the country to achieve its economic growth target of 6 to 7 percent this year after the Philippines' gross domestic product (GDP) declined to a four-year low of 5.6 percent during the first quarter due to the delayed passage of the 2019 national budget.

President Rodrigo Duterte signed the PHP3.757-trillion national budget only last April after the impasse in Congress.

Meanwhile, Dominguez said the spending commitment of the two main infrastructure projects -- the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) and the DOTr -- with an estimated combined amount of PHP803.1 billion, is enough to cover the national government's infrastructure target.

"DPWH and DOTr remain optimistic that they can deliver on their respective commitments by accelerating infrastructure disbursements and implementation of projects. To enable them to attain their targets, it would require close cooperation and support of other government agencies by expediting the approval of permits and other requirements," Dominguez said.

The Department of Budget and Management said the actual infrastructure spending for the first quarter of the year amounted to PHP207.2 billion.

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SPECIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **RUBEN L. BALAN**, who died on November 17, 2013 at Kawit, Cavite. That the parties hereto succeeds by representation Ruben L. Balan in the estate of Ruben L. Balan's parents, Jose O. Balan and Beatriz Lontoc Balan, who died intestate respectively, on July 24, 1996 and November 28, 1988 at Kawit, Cavite. That the deceased at the time of his death, left real properties, among which are parcels of land located in Kawit and Noveleta, Cavite, described as follows:

A. **Transfer Certificate of Title No. (T-1046624) T-25379**, containing an area of Twenty Thousand (20,000) Sq. Meters;

B. **Transfer Certificate of Title No. (T-646) TCT-0025636**, containing an area of One Thousand Five Hundred and Five Square Meters (1,505), more or less;

C. **Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-613686**, containing an area of Fifty (50) Square Meters;

D. **Transfer Certificate of Title No. (T-89060) TCT 2014000969**, containing an area of Three Hundred Eighty One (381) Square Meters, more or less;

E. **Transfer Certificate of Title No. (T-89064) TCT-2014000972**, containing an area of Two Hundred and Twenty Nine (229) Square Meters, more or less. That the parties hereto have likewise agreed to hereby NAME, APPOINT and CONSTITUTE **ELEANOR BALAN LOPEZ AND/OR ELEANOR LOPEZ ATIENZA** to be their true and lawful ATTORNEY-IN-FACT and has been extrajudicially settled as per Doc.No. 251; Page No. 106; Book No. II; Series of 2019 Before Atty. Abigail Azcarraga-Portugal, Notary Public.

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