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## **NAAC-NPA-RIZAL MUST WALK THEIR TALK**

**Camp Gen Mateo Capinpin, Tanay Rizal-** NAAC-NPA-RIZAL released a statement that they are willing to free the captured PNP for they found them innocent of crimes against the revolution. Their recent demand to stop military operations as a bargain to the three captured PNP's freedom is an unjust call. They should walk the talk and release their captives unconditionally. Only criminals and bandits hold innocent captives in exchange to a demand.

Were happy to know that the three captured PNP are alive. However, we are saddened for the victim's wives who are used by NAAC-NPA-RIZAL in their propaganda to escape from the military drag-net. Clearly, NAAC-NPA-RIZAL has gone so low to pressure, coerce and force the hapless victim's wives to ask the government to stop the rescue operation. This is one of the reasons NPA are included in the list of terrorist groups like the Abu Sayyaf Group.

2ID is firm that NAAC-NPA-Rizal has moral obligations in this incident. Clearly, the CPP/NPA/NDF has lost any moral position in this reckless action. The PNP was performing their duty to respond to crimes. The PNP was not there for any operations against the NPA. The PNP was not even their target; yet they ambushed them because of exasperation on AFP units who did not fall for their trap. The abduction was not also necessary especially that two of PNP were wounded. The burning was not even necessary; the landmine blast did not burn the vehicle. The NPAs burned it, which also burned the leg of PO1 Erickson Aquino who was killed during the ambush. NDFP should not condone and vindicate their NAAC-NPA-RIZAL on these Human Rights violations. It was a sloppy operation and the CPP/NDFP must investigate them. They should be made accountable for their actions. They are liable to the people for the arson of the civilian dump truck, PNP vehicle, ambush and abduction they had conducted. The PNP and the civilians are all victims of this incident. If the NPA are for the masses and their captured are innocent of crimes against their revolution, they must release their captured unconditionally.

The use of civilian vehicles through forceful take over from its civilian owners, burning of a dump truck from its poor and hapless driver, the use of tremendous force from a landmine that creates extreme damage to the internal organs of a person and property, murder, frustrated murder and looting of the PNP's issued and personal equipments are violations of the Human Rights protocol.

Since the NPA abduction is a crime. It is the government's inherent function to run after them and enforce the rule of law. The AFP and PNP will do its best effort to rescue the PNP captives. Their calls for a stop to military operations are indicative of our effective effort to flush them out of hiding.