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December 8, 2010

**RE: ILLEGAL SURVEILLANCE, HARASSMENT & INTIMIDATION OF PROGRESSIVE
GROUPS BY MILITARY ELEMENTS**

**HUMAN RIGHTS CASE: ILLEGAL SURVEILLANCE, VIOLATION OF DOMICILE,
HARASSMENT, THREATS & INTIMIDATION**

**COMPLAINANT: KATRIBU DAVAO COORDINATOR KERLAN FANAGEL and
twelve (12) other staff of the Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas (KMP)**

**PERPETRATOR: FOUR MILITARY SOLDIERS IN MILITARY UNIFORM, WITHOUT
NAMEPLATES & IN FULL BATTLE GEAR**

**INCIDENT: On December 8, 2010, at around 11:30 am, two days before the
big mobilization for International Human Rights Day, four elements of the
10th Infantry Division - Armed Forces of the Philippines South Eastern
Command, harassed, threatened, and intimidated KERLAN FANAGEL,
KATRIBU Davao Coordinator, and twelve (12) other personnel of the KMP –
SMR.**

**The said soldiers were first seen roving around the village until one of the
four elements entered the KMP office gate, without warrant, without
permission of the residents. The office is located in Sampaguita Village,
Tagum City, Davao Del Norte.**

**The soldier went around the office grounds reading the placards being
readied by the KMP staff for the December 10 human rights day
mobilization. He then ordered his 3 companions to take pictures of the
office, the placards and of Kerlan Fanagel. Despite the protests from Fanagel,
the soldiers did take photos.**

**KERLAN FANAGEL who was attending a meeting that time with KMP
personnel, said the military elements refused to speak or respond to their
queries and demands for them to show a warrant.**

One of the four soldiers then called his superior reporting that he saw placards bearing the word “militarization.”

After the phone conversation, the soldiers left without saying a word, leaving Fanagel and other KMP personnel harassed and intimidated.

Fanagel fears that the incident may signal the military – led raids of offices of progressive organizations who have recently exposed and lambasted the military over the aerial bombardment in Maragusan town which led to the forcible displacement of civilian communities.

After the incident, KMP personnel and Fanagel fears more violations coming from the military.

KMP and KATRIBU call on the 10th ID calls a stop to the policy of illegal surveillance, harassment, intimidation and violation of the rights of members of peoples’ organizations.#

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