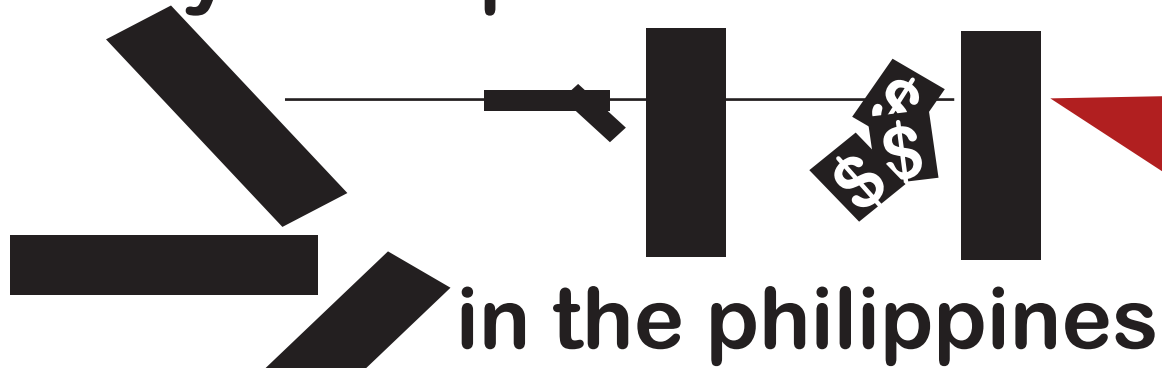


why do capitalists **kill** unionists



**solidarity**

**to keep wages low**

On 8 March 2011, Celito Baccay was murdered in Cavite by gunmen who flagged down his motorcycle and shot him at point blank range. Celito was a union organiser in a metal manufacturing company.

On 3 June 2010, Edward Panganiban was murdered in Laguna by gunmen on motorcycles. Edward was the secretary of a union in a car parts manufacturer.

On 22 September 2005, Diosdado Fortuna was murdered in Cabuyao by gunmen on motorcycles. Diosdado was the president of the union at Nestle.

Paramilitary squads linked to the Filipino state commit these murders. The murder squads are hired by companies or by rightwing forces who

want to stop workers organising.

The Kilusung Mayo Uno (KMU) is a major genuine union federation in the Philippines and it has been waging a struggle for a living wage for Filipino workers. Its demand is for a P125/day (about \$US2.90) wage rise across the board. The current minimum wage ranges from P426/day (about \$US10) in Manila to as low as P204/day (about \$US4.80) in the provinces.

When Filipino workers fight for a living wage, they run the risk of being murdered by their bosses. We cannot allow this to continue. All workers must come to the defence of unionists in the Philippines.

**stop** the **killings** support a **living wage** in the **philippines**

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