The Communist Party of the Philippines expresses its utmost condemnation of the US-Duterte regime for the brazen murder of National Democratic Front of the Philippines peace consultant Randy Felix P. Malayao early morning today in Nueva Vizcaya. He was gunned down while asleep aboard a bus in Barangay Darapidap, Aritao municipality.

The CPP condoles with the family, friends and comrades of Randy Malayao. He offered most of his years, from Visayas to Cagayan Valley, in working with the masses in their struggle for land, wages and other rights. As NDFP peace consultant, he took pride in broadcasting and pursuing the revolution’s program for the Filipino people to attain national liberation and genuine democracy.

The killing of Malayao, as well as the illegal arrests of NDFP peace consultants Adelberto Silva, Rafael Baylosis, Vic Ladlad and Rey Casambre, displays the Duterte regime’s disdain for negotiating peace
with the NDFP, let alone in respecting and implementing the Joint Agreement on Safety and Immunity Guarantees.

Duterte is a war president despising efforts that seek to resolve the roots of armed conflict. He is rather obsessed with assassination methods by the US, unleashing death squads against those who push for just peace. He knows no peace in dropping bombs and imposing food blockades on peasant and Lumad villages, terrorizing thousands of barangays with Army “peace and development” battalions, killing activists or detaining them based on trumped up charges and imposing de facto martial law across the country.

In the face of Duterte’s all-out war, the Filipino people and their revolutionary forces stand uncowed and persevere in the people’s democratic revolution. They wage all forms of resistance against Duterte’s puppet, corrupt and fascist regime. Tactical offensives by the New People’s Army are set to advance increasingly to deal bigger blows against the AFP, including Duterte’s assassination squads.