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The latest military agreement between Germany and the Philippines, signed in May 2025, enhances defense cooperation in areas such as cybersecurity, logistics, and UN peacekeeping. This agreement builds on previous collaborations against perceived threats from China and Russia. Following the signing, both countries plan to hold the 3rd Philippines-Germany Security and Defense Staff Talks to outline specific joint activities and initiatives for the upcoming year.

This development hews closely within the US imperialist strategy of involving other imperialist allies in its war preparation against China, in the Philippines as a frontline of the US "first island chain strategy" -- in the guise of "upholding freedom of navigation" and "defending sovereignty" of allied countries in the area.

Earlier, the US and its allies have doubled down in its war preparation. This warmongering masked as "credible deterrence" has dragged the Philippines deeper into the US scheme of regaining dominance in the world.

The US Task Force in the Philippines, known as Task Force-Philippines, was established to enhance military cooperation between the United States and the Philippines. This task force aims to deter Chinese influence in the South China Sea and improve the operational readiness of both nations' armed forces. Marcos Jr. in a blatant surrender of Philippine sovereignty, enabled the establishment of 9 EDCA (Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement) military bases in strategic locations in the country facing Taiwan and the South China Sea.

Other US imperialist allies have bolted in the war preparation.


Japan has forged a Defense Cooperation Agreement and the Reciprocal Access Agreement (RAA) with the Philippines. New Zealand signed a Status of Visiting Forces Agreement (SVFA) and the Mutual Logistics Supporting Arrangement (MLSA). Australia is engaged in the Trilateral Security Cooperation between the Philippines, Australia, and the U.S. It has also signed a Status of Visiting Forces Agreement (SOVFA) with the Philippines. The U.K. is still in the process of proposing a Visiting Forces Agreement with the Philippines. France has met with top officials from the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and discussed on enhancing bilateral defense cooperation. The two nations signed a letter of intent to ramp up military collaboration, which may include discussions on defense agreements and increased military activities.

Large periodic joint military exercises are launched to hone the inter-operability of these armed forces against China.

The maritime conflict between the Philippines and China in the South China Sea is being exploited by the US to drag the country into a belligerent confrontation with China and framing this conflict within the context of maintaining the "status quo" or maintaining US hegemony in the region.

The National Democratic Front of the Philippines (NDFP) stands for a peaceful resolution through dialogue and other diplomatic or legal methods in resolving the maritime disputes between the Philippines and China. It is to the interest of the Filipino and Chinese people that an escalation of the conflict be avoided at all costs.

The Marcos puppet regime is acting as a pawn in the imperialist strategy by allowing the US to use the Philippines as a military stronghold, and deploy its own armed forces in US-led maritime operations and war exercises.

The Filipino people must remain vigilant over these treacherous schemes. They must guard against efforts of the US-led imperialist powers that seek to create pretexts for provoking an armed conflict with their rival China, and drag the Philippines and the entire world into the quagmire of inter-imperialist war. 

## CPP declares 4-day unilateral ceasefire

The Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) has declared a 4-day ceasefire that will take effect from 12am of December 25, 2025 to 11:59pm of December 26, and from 12am of December 31, 2025 to 11:59pm of January 1, 2026.

The CPP said the ceasefire order was issued in solidarity with the Filipino people as they conduct simple celebrations of their traditional holidays, amid grave social and economic conditions and also to mark the 57th anniversary of the Party and celebrate the ideological, political and organizational gains and revolutionary achievements during the past year of the Party's rectification movement.

The CPP directed all NPA units, Red commanders and Red fighters to go into active defense mode especially in the face of relentless military operations of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) against peasants communities and guerrilla fronts across the country, and ordered them to remain on high alert against treacherous ground and aerial attacks of the regime's fascist forces.

"They must work closely with the masses, and must be ever ready to maneuver or counter-attack, when necessitated by the situation," the CPP admonished guerrilla forces.

In celebration of the CPP's 57th anniversary, the Party enjoined all units of the NPA and local peasant organizations "to conduct cultural and education activities, to deepen their understanding of the crisis of the rotten ruling system under the corrupt and fascist Marcos regime, and heighten their resolve to defend their rights, and fight for their aspirations for land, justice and freedom".

## 2 Red fighters save masses from fascist attack, and kill 2 enemy troops

They knew fully well that at least 20 terrorist soldiers from the Intelligence Service of the AFP (ISAFP) at Military Intelligence Battalion (MIB) under the 8th Infantry Division were camping in Barangay Babaclayon, San Jose de Buan, Samar province for at least three days already, but because of the call of revolutionary duty, two Red fighters still





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proceeded to the barrio to extend needed assistance to the peasant masses.

Around early morning of December 3, the terrorist soldiers surrounded the house of the farmer where the two guerrillas were staying, apparently after the enemy got wind of their presence. The fascists were forcing them out of the house and surrender, but before making any move, the two guerrillas made sure and helped the peasant family safely escape from the enemy encirclement.

The next scene may be likened to an action film, as the two Red fighters – one armed only with a pistol, and the other unarmed – jumped out of the house and the pistol-bearing guerrilla started shooting at the enemy soldiers who were positioned just a few meters from them. The fascist troops were startled, and, while there was an exchange of fire, the two fearless guerrillas made their daring escape from the enemy encirclement. Armed only with a pistol, the guerrilla shot dead two fascists. The guerrilla-comrade sustained only minor injuries.

Their heroism and gallantry earned the praises and admiration of the masses, and the Regional Command of the NPA Eastern Visayas which said that the two guerrillas' revolutionary courage, daringness and steel determination to fight it out even at the cost of their lives and to not surrender, are worthy of emulation and are an inspiration. In similar encounters, two 76th IB fascist soldiers were killed in the clash at Sitio Balite, Barangay Lumangbayan, Abra de Ilog, Occidental Mindoro on November 26. Several other soldiers were reported wounded. On October 28, three 62nd IB troopers were killed in a clash with the NPA in Barangay Quintin Remo, Moises Padilla, Negros Occidental. Suffering from its defeat, the 62nd IB indiscriminately fired their weapons and killed a 6-year-old child.

On December 7, a unit of Roselyn Jean Pelle Command (RJPC) punished Mando Ugdiman, 58 years old, in Sitio Tagda, Barangay Dolis, Calatrava, Negros Occidental. Ugdiman was an active military spy serving as guide in the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP)'s combat operations and engaged in surveillance and coercion activities against civilians suspected of having ties with the revolutionary movement. Recovered from Ugdiman was one .45 pistol, ammunition and other war materials.

While withdrawing from the scene, the same unit passed by a house elements of 1st Negros Occidental Provincial Mobile Force Company (NOCPFMC) were staying. Upon seeing the Red fighters, the policemen opened fire leaving the Red fighters no recourse but to return fire. Killed in the firefight was Police Senior Master Sergeant Rommel Aguilar while the others scamped in different directions. Recovered from Aguilar was his service firearm (9mm pistol) and several ammunition 

## Demonstrators call: All those involved must be held accountable

Last December 10, 2025, massive demonstrations were held in Manila, and in 14 other cities and provinces, like Baguio, Panay and Negros. The protest was led by Karapatan, and Bayan, were in commemoration of the 77th International Human Rights Day.

Thousands marched condemning the US-Marcos regime for its serious violations of human rights and international humanitarian law. They also expressed outrage over the large scale corruption that has been exposed. The marchers called for an end to the corrupt and oppressive US-Marcos Jr. regime.

Massive demonstrations, not seen for several decades, have been taking place since September 21, 2025. This was followed by the demonstrations on November 30, 2025, and then that of December 10.

In between these red-letter days, smaller numbers of demonstrations, walk-outs and other forms of protest have been taking place throughout the National Capital Region, as well as in cities and provinces throughout the Philippines. Many demonstrations are led by students in universities from northern Luzon to cities in the Visayas and Mindanao.

Not only students organized and joined the marches. In various communities, towns, factories, offices, churches and from different sectors, people have gone out to rally and march expressing their outrage against corruption and the rotten system.

The outrage began when the scandal of billions of pesos not going to flood control projects but instead into the pockets of contractors and members of Congress, the




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Senate and even the President himself, broke out.

Other forms of blatant government corruption came to light after this. Anomalous “farm to market roads” projects and various other infrastructure works have come to light. Hundreds of billions of pesos in allocables in the national budget have been uncovered, as well as Marcos’ illegal use of PhilHealth funds.

The demonstrators call out, “All those involved must be held accountable!”

The Communist Party of the Philippines declared in a statement: “(The) massive demonstrations mark a strong resurgence of the mass protest movement with the national democratic forces at the core. These are the biggest demonstrations since the 2013 protests against the Aquino 2 government over the issue of pork barrel and the Marcos No Hero protests of 2016. This resurgence is profoundly significant because it comes after relentless efforts by state security forces to suppress, harass, Red-tag and violently attack mass leaders and activists over the past several years. The massive demonstrations are a product of both the objective conditions of economic and political crisis, and the painstaking work of patriotic and democratic organized forces. Even in the face of violent state repression, they have persevered in arousing, organizing and mobilizing the people and building broad alliances and networks, in order to advance the people’s aspirations for social justice and genuine democracy.” 

## Anti-dynasty bill will only strengthen political dynasties



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Ferdinand Marcos Jr, president of the reactionary government in the Philippines, is surprisingly pushing for an anti-dynasty bill in Congress. He himself comes from a long established political dynasty. In the country’s rotten bureaucrat capitalist political system, family members take turns or hold elective positions at the same time, enabling families to control power for too long, preventing new politicians to enter the system.

The present government’s 1987 Constitution expressly directed Congress to pass an enabling law to prevent political dynasties. Many bills have been proposed by lawmakers over the years but none ever got passed into law for the very simple reason that both the Senate and the House of Representatives have been packed with political dynasties.

In the current Senate or upper chamber, nine out of 24 members belong to political families, including four pairs of sibling-senators. In the lower chamber, 67% of House members are dynasty.

Ferdinand Marcos Jr urged Congress to pass his version of the anti-dynasty law through House of Representatives Majority Leader Ferdinand Alexander Marcos, his son, and House Speaker Faustino Dy III who filed the bill. The younger Marcos and Speaker Dy each have at least 16 other relatives in various elected posts.

Renato Reyes, president of Bagong Alyansang Makabayan (BAYAN) a large federation of progressive sectoral organizations, point out that Marcos Jr is trying hard to deflect the waves of corruption charges against him on flood control and other projects that sent his approval rating down to a historic low of 21%. Pushed against the wall, he has to put out new initiatives to show, “I started this. I will finish this.”

The controversy comes as the political dynasties in both houses of Congress have been blamed by civil society groups and lawmakers for massive losses of public funds linked to anomalous flood control projects. The ensuing series of massive demonstrations led to the most serious political crisis of the Marcos administration to date.

Critics slammed the proposal, saying it will legitimize and entrench dynasties. While it aims to bar members of a family from running in the same jurisdiction or entity, it would still allow them to hold power across different levels of government and areas.

In this latest move, Marcos Jr. let himself be pushed further to the wall, and worsened the political crisis of the elite, according to Reyes. Marcos still does not realize that he and the corrupt dynasties of the reactionary factions, is the problem. Only the powerful movement of the people can solve this. 