



IN DEFENSE of ANCESTRAL LAND and SELF-DETERMINATION

*Bridging Gaps Through Knowledge Sharing
Mabikas Foundation IP Month Celebration*

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Macliing Dulag - April 24, 1980

“ I say to you, the question of the dams is more than political! The question is life-our Kalinga life! Apo Kabunian, the Lord of us all, gave us this land. It is sacred, nourished by our sweat. It shall become more sacred when it is nourished by our blood.”

“ You ask us if we own the land, and mock us, saying where is your title? Such arrogance to speak of owning the land when you shall instead be owned by it. How can you own that which will outlive you?”



Macli-ing Dulag

Aetas

Igorots

**Caraballo
groups**

Mangyans

Dumagats

**Palawan
groups**

**Ati &
Tumanduk**

Lumads





**IP STRUGGLES IN DEFENSE OF ANCESTRAL LAND
AGAINST DEVELOPMENT AGGRESSION**

*Destructive Mining, Mega-dams,
Plantations, etc.*

Priorities? Palace gives go-signal to Tampakan mining amid COVID-19 surge

👤 Aaron Macaraeg © July 18, 2020 💬 0 Comment 📍 Lumad, tampakan mine projects



A lumad student makes an alternative mask out of layered

“Without missing a beat, we are now seeing what this Terror Law is for: to further exploit the natural resources of our country while silencing those who oppose it.”

**BY AARON
MACARAEG**

[Bulatlat.com](https://www.bulatlat.com)

BREAKING NEWS

**OCEANAGOLD CORP.
TO RESUME OPERATIONS
AFTER RENEWING
ITS CONTRACT FOR 25 YEARS**

OceanaGold Corporation on July 14 announced that the Philippine government has renewed the Didipio Mine Financial or Technical Assistance Agreement (FTAA) for an additional 25-year period, beginning June 19, 2019.



***OCEANAGOLD,
OUT NOW!***

STAND WITH THE PEOPLE
OF DIDIPIO, KASIBU, NUEVA VIZCAYA!
NO TO DESTRUCTIVE MINING!





Cimatu to reopen mine sites closed by Lopez



Rhodina Villanueva (The Philippine Star ) - July 23, 2020 - 12:00am

MANILA, Philippines – Some of the mining companies closed or suspended by the late environment secretary Gina Lopez will be allowed to resume operations.

Environment Secretary Roy Cimatu said the permits to operate of these mining companies were reviewed after they appealed the closure or suspension order.

“An audit was conducted by technical experts... There were recommendations made for the companies. They complied and applied corrective measures,” Cimatu said during a virtual press conference after the pre-State of the Nation Address forum yesterday.

Build Build Build DAMS



Itigil ang Kaliwa Dam Project!

Noong June 29, 2021, nagkaroon na ng "Groundbreaking Ceremony" para sa Kaliwa Dam - nang walang mga kaukulang permit mula sa LGU, at walang free, prior and informed consent (FPIC) mula sa mga katutubong Dumagat ng Quezon at Rizal.



Mga litrato mula sa Chinese Embassy Manila FB Page, 06/29/21

→ change.org/stopkaliwadam

Jalaur Dam

Tumandoks unite against land-grabbing, mega dam, military harassment

Raymund Villanueva

January 25, 2014

1 Comment

tumandok, typhoon yolanda



9 Indigenous Leaders Killed by Philippine Police in 'Massacre'

<https://thediplomat.com/.../9-indigenous-leaders-killed-by-philippine-police-in-massacre>

Apayao Dams

#SaveApayao
#LapatApayao
#NoToApayaoDams
#LetOurRiversFlow

QUICK FACTS

The Department of Energy awarded **4 Apayao dam projects** to Pan Pacific Renewable Power Philippines Corporation (PPRPPC).



GENED-1 DAM
150 MW



GENED-2 DAM
335 MW



AOAN DAM
50 MW



CALANASAN DAM
120 MW

#StopNewClarkCity
#StandWithTheAeta
#NotoDevelopmentAggression



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STOP NEW CLARK CITY! NO TO DEVELOPMENT AGGRESSION!



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Madame Cecille of BCDA Community Relations pleading understanding from the Aeta that they really need to finish the work, long due.



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BCDA Chief Security Officer Col Cepedal gave Madame Cecille for a supposed to be "diologue". Telling the Aeta will not notice the workers....



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Armed personal in civilian clothes, using a vehicle marked as from COM, come outside an Aeta residence to prevent them from stopping the workers.



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RASA Surveyors a sub contractor of BCDA surveys rich families ancestral lands of the Aeta despite the pandemic.

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**DEFENSE OF ANCESTRAL LAND IS
ASSERTION OF SELF-DETERMINATION**

Acts of Self-Determination

- DLLR struggles: Fetad against Chico/Cellophil, pangayaw against Alsons (Alcantara and Sons) in Pantaron range, against Tampacan mines in North Cotabato
- Declaring Cordi Day, Mangyan Day, Dumagat Day, Aeta Day, Adlaw Lumadnon – Adlaw ni Mangulayon
- Self-determined development – Lumad schools
- Self-ascription – choosing, ownership of our names, terms to refer to us

Cordillera Day – April 24

Peoples' Cordillera Day 2021

#37th

#CordiDay2021



Dumagat Day



Mangyan, Mangulayon



HAGIBBAT-MANGYAN Mindoro
HANUNO ALANGAN GUBATNONG IRAYA BUKID BANGON TADYAWAN



Abril 12-14, 2013
Sityo Manggahan, Pinagturilan,
Sta. Cruz, Occidental Mindoro

**Tema: MANGYAN, PAHIGPITIN ANG
PAGKAKAISA AT SUPORTA SA
PAKIKIBAKA PARA SA
LUPANG NINUNO AT
SARILING PAGPAPASYA!**

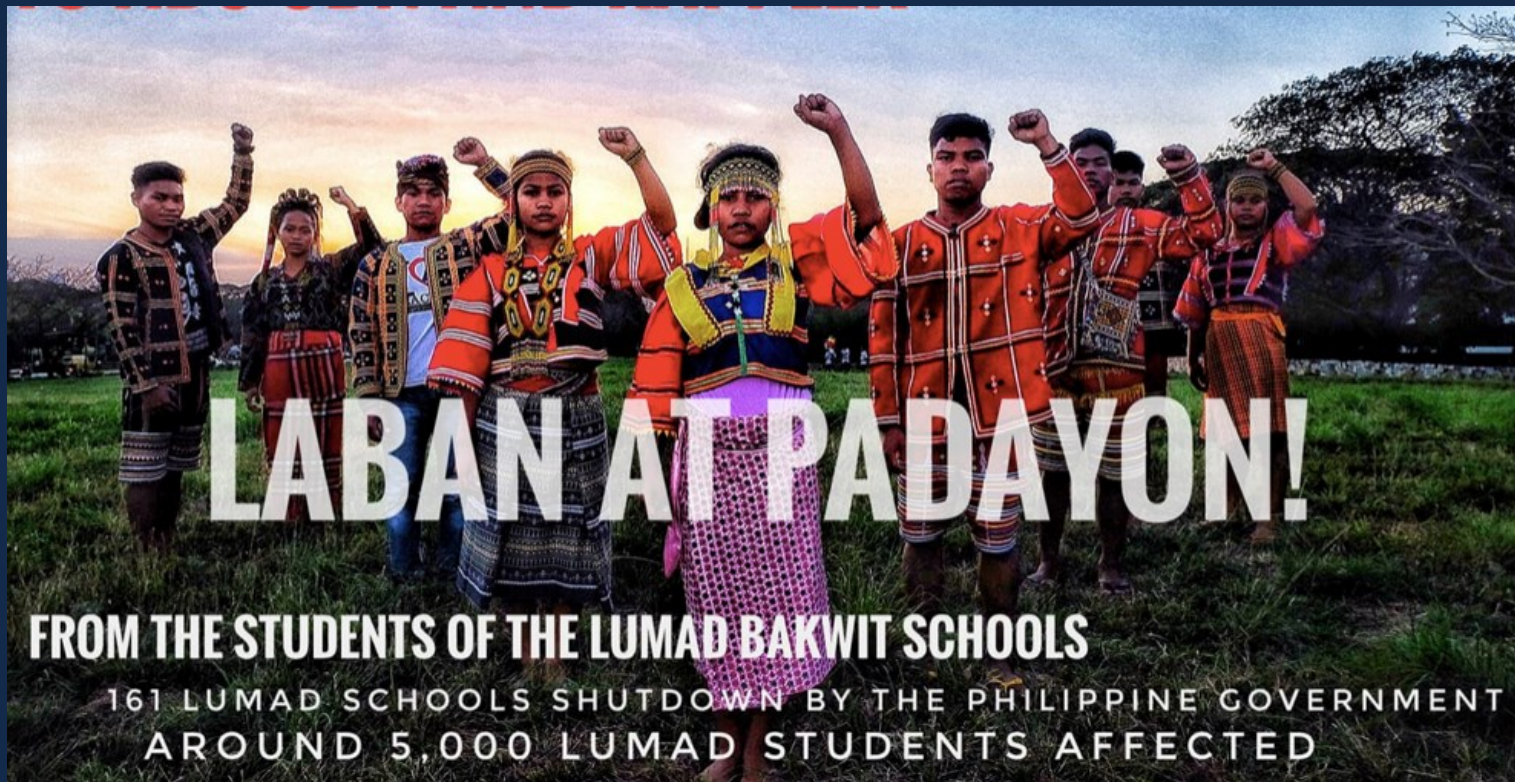
KUSOG SA KATAWHANG LUMAD SA MINDANAO (KALUMARAN)
BARUG KATUNGOD MINDANAO • INTERNATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES
MOVEMENT FOR SELF-DETERMINATION & LIBERATION • PHILIPPINES
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MANGULAYON DAY

AUGUST 11, 2021

Self-determined development



LABAN AT PADAYON!

FROM THE STUDENTS OF THE LUMAD BAKWIT SCHOOLS

161 LUMAD SCHOOLS SHUTDOWN BY THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT
AROUND 5,000 LUMAD STUDENTS AFFECTED

Self-ascription

- Lumad
- Tumandok
- Igorot

Re NCIP

- Effort to ban self-ascribed names/terms
- Anomalous conduct of Free, Prior and Informed Consent
- Land grabbing
- Awarding Ancestral Land Claims to fraudulent claimants
- Graft and corruption
- Sowing disunity – fake organizations, fake datus
- Instrument of Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict

Right to Self-Determination

International customary law, as defined in the UN Charter, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, affirms the right of all *peoples* to self-determination, by virtue of which they freely determine their political status and freely pursue their economic, social and cultural development.

UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) accords IPs the right to self-determination

Forms of Self-Determination

- I. Secession or political separation
- II. Federation (USSR)
- III. Regional Autonomy or Local Self-Governance (China)
- IV. Special Laws (eg. IPRA)

Self-governance, relationship of local governance with national

Self-Determination is the assertion thereof

While there may be a whole range of forms of self-determination, the key issue is the level of organization and struggle of indigenous peoples in their assertion of their right to autonomy and self governance *vis a viv* the wider national society, and the support that they can generate from the wider population in the country and internationally.

Self Determination

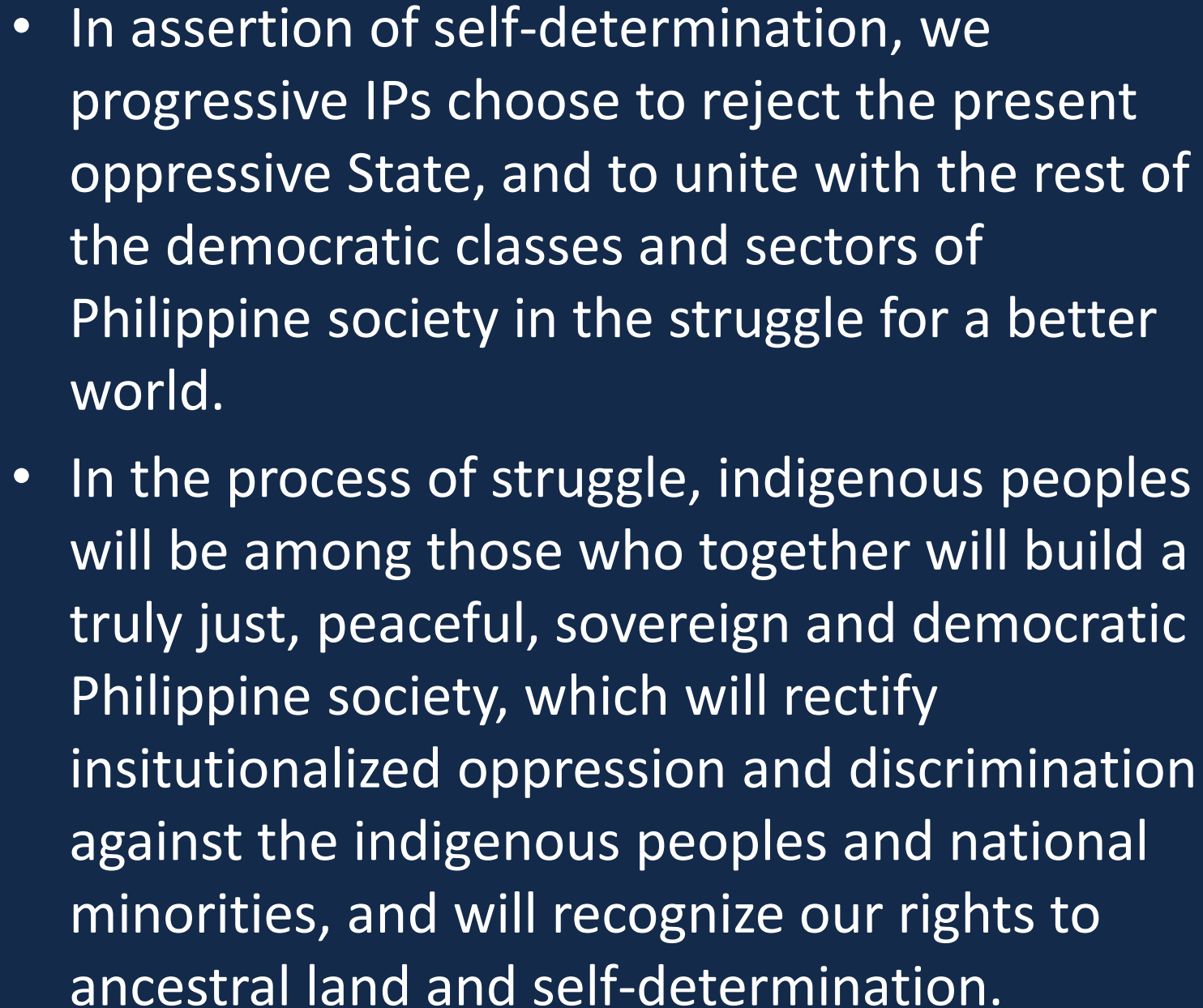
- *Self Determination* is the right to freely determine political status and to freely pursue their economic, political and cultural development at their own pace, without outside impositions. Free choice of political status refers to the level of integration into the wider Philippine society. (Eg. issue of secession or regional autonomy of the Moros, or GRA in Cordillera)
- The very persistence of traditional indigenous knowledge, belief and value systems, socio-political institutions and cultural practices up to the present indicate that there is a resistance to full assimilation into a State which continues to perpetrate national oppression, chauvinism and discrimination against indigenous peoples and national minorities.
- This very persistence of indigenous communities up to the present is in itself self-determination.

Self Determination

- Indigenous peoples in the Philippines have achieved many successes in the assertion of their democratic rights, with sacrifice and martyrdom of our heroes and martyrs. We organized ourselves into militant organizations, we learned how to solve our problems, to pursue self-determined alternative development in the face of historical government neglect, like the Lumad schools, community-based health programs, micro-hydro and other socio-economic projects. Indigenous peoples, with the help of advocate groups, affirmed self-reliance and self-governance, which are concrete manifestations of self-determination under the present despotic set-up.

Present-day Reality of IPs

- While persistent in varying degrees, indigenous socio-political systems are swiftly disintegrating
- Indigenous communities are all subsumed into the wider Philippine semi-colonial and semi-feudal society and are part of the Filipino nation
- IPs are also stratified into classes

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- In assertion of self-determination, we progressive IPs choose to reject the present oppressive State, and to unite with the rest of the democratic classes and sectors of Philippine society in the struggle for a better world.
 - In the process of struggle, indigenous peoples will be among those who together will build a truly just, peaceful, sovereign and democratic Philippine society, which will rectify insitutionalized oppression and discrimination against the indigenous peoples and national minorities, and will recognize our rights to ancestral land and self-determination.

The struggle continues...

