



## Asian Federation Against Involuntary Disappearances

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Enforced disappearances, extrajudicial killings and other human rights violations have been unabated from the Marcos regime to the Arroyo administration, abetted by a pervasive culture of impunity.

The families of victims of human rights violations have steadfastly struggled for justice through legal and metalegal means. When courageous witnesses come forward, the families file criminal cases before the courts with dispatch.

However, in the absence of special laws criminalizing enforced disappearance and extrajudicial killings, the perpetrators are charged with kidnapping and serious illegal detention and/or murder.

The criminal complaint was filed by the relatives of six workers of the PICOP Resources, Inc. who were forcibly disappeared on the night of 14 October 2000 at Barangay Sta. Maria, Trento, Agusan del Sur.

Joseph Belar, Jovencio Lagare, Romualdo Orcullo, Diosdado Oliver, Artemio Ayala and Arnold Dangkiasan were at the entrance of a videoke bar when Corporal Rodrigo Billones from the then nearby encampment of the 62nd Infantry Battalion, 8th Infantry Division of the Philippine Army herded the six kargador of logs to the military camp.

For more information about the PICOP 6 visit:

<http://afadsecretariat.wordpress.com/2010/08/20/families-of-6-desaparecidos-file-murder-case-vs-13-army-men/>

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