

Then on November 8 and 9, 2012 the Human Rights Committee of Congress held a Public Hearing in Davao on several Extra Judicial Killings (EJK) in Mindanao, including Pops case. Our witnesses repeated their testimonies, but the top military officers claimed that the Bagani group did not exist! Complete denial and refusal to cooperate.

The Human Rights Committee **exposed the intentional failure and refusal of the AFP and PNP** to allow some of their elements to be investigated and to share the intelligence reports on the Bagani Group and the military officer handling them at the time when Fr. Fausto was killed. **Thus this implies that in this case the AFP and PNP are refusing to protect civilians like Fr. Fausto? They actually claim impunity; they claim to be untouchables, outside the law or above the law.**

Then we approached the Commission on Human Rights (CHR) who are mandated to monitor all government agencies to verify if they really protect the human rights of all in the country, including the human rights of civilians like Pops and other EJK victims. They proposed to hold a Public Inquiry as an attempt to break the wall of denial and impunity. It was held last May 22,23 and 24 the CHR PUBLIC INQUIRY was held in Davao with the presence of CHR Chair Loretta Ann P. Rosales and Jose Manuel S. Mamaug and others.



During the inquiry there were general points that were raised by the Commissioners:

1. Who really killed Fr. Pops? And who is behind the killing?
2. What are the possible motives of killing Fr.Pops?
3. Where is this case going and how far did the investigation went by various government agencies handling the case?