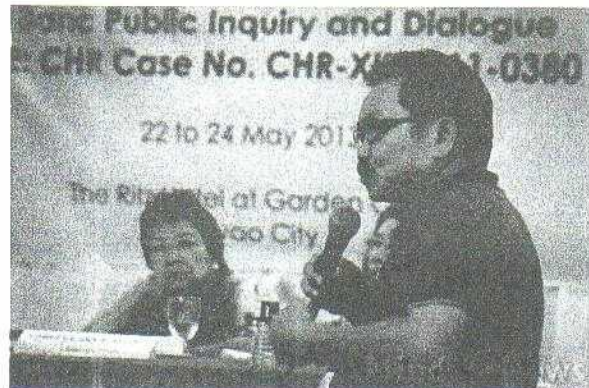


Fr. Peter Geremia, PIME as the first resource person, raised some points of expectations in the inquiry and requests to the Commissioners in behalf of the complainants:

- a. That the Commission on Human Rights (CHR) will verify the validity of the previous investigation by the NBI and do additional investigations as promised by DOJ Usec. Francisco Baraan;
- b. Identify who is blocking or interfering and delaying the filing of the case in court;
- c. Set deadline for filing in court before October 17,2013 (2nd year Anniversary of Fr.Pops' Death)
- d. Expose and disarm illegal Private Armies or Paramilitary groups, particularly the Bagani group;

The Commissioners asked the NBI why they stopped their investigations and failed to produce credible findings. In fact three of their key witnesses retracted their testimonies and stated under oath that they were instructed to give false testimonies by a mystery- person identified only as "Loloy". The NBI agents, headed by Director Magno, were not able to explain who this Loloy was, even though Director Magno was seen talking with Loloy as one of their men. The NBI eventually admitted that the case that they filed was no longer credible because of the retractions. CHR Chair Rosales asked the head of the Task Force "Fausto" General Camba to explain why he failed to present any official report with the findings of the Task Force. No reply. It appeared that the Task Force was aborted.

The CHR Inquiry also confirmed that the Bagani are a creation of the military as force multiplier who were trained and armed by them and operating under the control of military officers and also used by politicians. Former Governor Manny Piñol stated that those who claim that the Bagani do not exist are telling a big lie because he was present as Governor when the group was organized. General Sedillo who was called to reply made no comment.



After the CHR Inquiry I went to the DOJ in Manila. Undersecretary Francisco Baraan gave me copy of the OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES OF A.O. NO. 35 from which I quote some points:

"Whereas, in order to ensure that political activist and media killings are effectively investigated and successfully prosecuted.....

Whereas, there have been reported and validated violations of human rights of the individuals throughout the years, which have served to create an impression of a culture of impunity, wherein state and non-state forces have been accused of silencing, through violence and intimidation, legitimate dissent and opposition raised by members of the civil society, cause-oriented groups, political movements, people's and non-government organizations, and by ordinary citizens.....

Whereas the present Administration declares as a matter of paramount policy that there is no room for all these forms of political violence and abuses of power by agents or elements of the State, and towards this end commits to establish an institutional legacy of an efficient, coherent, and comprehensive government machinery dedicated to the resolution of unsolved cases of political violence in the form of extra-judicial killings, enforced disappearances, torture, and other grave violations of the right to life, liberty, and security of person.....