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Who's Involved?

Convenors:

Jeanne Mirer, International Association of Democratic Lawyers (IADL), President

The IADL is an international organization of progressive jurists' associations with sections and members in 50 countries and territories. [Along with facilitating contact and exchange of views between and among lawyers and lawyers' associations of all countries, the IADL works to conduct research on legal issues affecting human, political and economic rights, organizes international commissions of enquiry and conferences on legal and judicial concerns, and takes part in international legal observer missions.

Vanessa Lucas, National Lawyers Guild, Chair, Philippines Subcommittee

The NLG is a public interest association of lawyers, law students, paralegals, jailhouse lawyers, law collective members, and other activist legal workers, in the United States. The group was founded in 1937 as an alternative to the American Bar Association (ABA) in protest of that organization's exclusionary membership practices and conservative political orientation. They were the first US bar association to allow the admission of minorities to their ranks.

Peter Murphy, International Coalition for Human Rights in the Philippines, General Secretary

ICHRP is a global network of organizations outside the Philippines, concerned about the human rights situation in the Philippines and committed to campaign for just and lasting peace in the country. It aims to inform the international community about the grave human rights situation in the Philippines today. Peter Murphy is an Australian labor leader with Philippine Australian Union Link (PAUL) based in Sydney, Australia.

Paul Quintos, Ibon International

Ibon International is a service and advocacy institution with an international character and scope of work. Through its advocacy and cooperation with a broad range of civil society organizations and social movements in all regions of the world, especially the Global South, it aims to build the capacity of peoples' movements around the world for human rights and democracy.

Lead Prosecutor:

Ramsey Clark is an American lawyer, activist and former federal government official, who occupied senior positions in the United States Department of Justice under Presidents John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson, notably serving as United States Attorney General from 1967 to 1969; previously he was Deputy Attorney General from 1965 to 1967 and Assistant Attorney General from 1961 to 1965.

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Jurors include:

Azadeh Shashahani is a prominent human rights attorney based in Atlanta. She currently serves as President of the National Lawyers Guild. She previously served as National Security/Immigrants' Rights Project Director for the ACLU of Georgia.

Dr. Rev. Mofele Tsele served as South African Ambassador to Jordan from 2010 to 2014. He has extensive international experience in addressing conferences and seminars on theological, political and economic matters. Dr Rev Tsele is the former General Secretary of the South African Council of Churches and served in the International Affairs Advisory Committee to the UN of the World Council of Churches.

Camilo Bustos-Perez is a lawyer, author, and research professor at the graduate program in Human Rights of the Universidad Autonoma de la Ciudad de Mexico. Since August 2010 he has been coordinator of the Permanent Secretariat of the International Tribunal of Conscience of Peoples in Movement (ITCPM), based in Mexico City.

Cases Include:

The Killing of Filipina Transwoman Jennifer Laude allegedly by US Marine Joseph Scott Pemberton

<http://www.nytimes.com/2014/10/23/world/asia/arrest-of-us-marine-in-killing-of-filipino-may-test-military-ties.html>

US military and drone involvement in Philippine anti-terrorism mission in Mamasapano, Maguindanao that resulted in over 70 dead

<http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2015/03/18/world/asia/ap-as-philippines-us-military.html>

The trafficking, death sentence, and criminal neglect of Filipina domestic helper Mary Jane Veloso

<http://www.nytimes.com/2015/04/30/world/asia/mary-jane-veloso-indonesia-execution.html>

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