



The brown bag session on "Understanding the CPP/NPA/NDF Organizational Structure" is meant to deepen the understanding of OPAPP personnel regarding the structure, organization, strategic and tactical operations of the CNN, in order to be more cognizant and deliberate in planning out interventions for conflict affected communities.

You are invited to attend this brown bag activity on 05 March 2014 (Wednesday), 01:00-03:00pm at the 10/F Conference Room, with guest lecturer Prof. Ramon Casiple.

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CPP/NPA/NDF Organizational Structure: An Introduction

The Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) recently declared that the New People's Army (NPA) poses the biggest threat to the peace and order situation of the Philippines. According to estimates of the AFP, they currently have between 4,500-5000 armed regulars carrying a similar number of firearms. They have reportedly been carrying out extortion and bombing activities, and have claimed responsibility for "liquidation" of members of both state security forces and former comrades whom they accuse of turning their backs against the communist movement.

The NPA is but one of the CPP/NPA/NDF triumvirate. The NPA is the armed wing of the CPP. The Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) provides the ideological basis for the insurgency. The National Democratic Front (NDF) is their political wing and the umbrella organization of all their mass-based organizations composed of women, youth, farmers and fisherfolk, labor, indigenous peoples, and other sectoral groups.

POLITICAL BASE

According to their website, they operate in 70 out of 81 provinces nationwide with over 100 guerilla fronts. The NDF is comprised of organizations that participate in and out of the electoral arena. The NPA reportedly wields varying degrees of influence in an estimated 2.4% of barangays nationwide.

COMMAND AND CONTROL

The group operates under a principle of democratic centralization. Political control lies with the CPP Central Committee directed by Joma Sison from the Netherlands. The Central Committee directs and supervises the Regional Committees which in turn supervise the provincial, and other local committees and sub-committees. There is however a high degree of tactical autonomy across the NPA's individual fronts owing to their geographic dispersion and difficulty in communication. The Barangay Revolutionary Committee forms their basic grassroots unit. The NPA is controlled by the CPP Central Committee, the National Operational Command of the NPA, and the NDF's National Council.

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