

“PP 1017 is the last nail in Gloria’s political coffin”

Friday 3 March 2006, by [Akbayan](#) (Date first published: 1 March 2006).

Find below two press releases from Akbayan.

AKBAYAN: PP 1017 BLESSING IN DISGUISE: That’s why Gloria wants to lift it soon

March 01, 2006

AKBAYAN today called the declaration of the State of Emergency as a “blessing in disguise” for anti-Arroyo forces. Reacting to the statement of Pres. Arroyo earlier today about lifting the proclamation within 24 to 72 hours, AKBAYAN President Ronald Llamas stressed that “PP 1017 is the last nail in Gloria’s political coffin because rather than weakening the political opposition to her illegitimate regime it has stimulated wider support to the rallying call of ousting her from Malacanang.”

According to the President of AKBAYAN, the Pres. Arroyo’s address today is indicative of the alarm on the part of the administration because of mounting disapproval of her administration here and abroad. Llamas who was arrested along with UP Professor Randy David during the EDSA Anniversary rally of Laban ng Masa last week is very optimistic that PP 1017 will expedite Pres. Arroyo’s removal from office. “Gloria’s declaration of the State of Emergency has in many ways erased the dividing line between pro and anti-Gloria forces. The struggle now is not as polarized as before because it has been elevated to the defense of our hard-earned civil and political liberties against a repressive regime,” Llamas stressed.

AKBAYAN Rep. Risa Hontiveros announced that AKBAYAN will intensify its defiance of PP 1017 amidst the repressive stance of the Arroyo administration. “The continuing harassment of groups and media institutions critical of the administration will not have the intended chilling effect on forces like us. Instead of dampening our spirits, it challenges us to intensify our efforts. In the end, this is not just about ousting Mrs. Arroyo from office, it is about defending democracy,” the AKBAYAN solon added.

AKBAYAN: PP 1017 BLESSING IN DISGUISE

February 28, 2006

AKBAYAN today called the declaration of the State of Emergency as a “blessing in disguise” for anti-Arroyo forces. “PP 1017 is the last nail in Gloria’s political coffin because rather than weakening the political opposition to her illegitimate regime it has stimulated wider support to the rallying call of ousting her from Malacanang,” declared AKBAYAN President Ronald Llamas.

Llamas who was arrested along with UP Professor Randy David during the EDSA Anniversary rally of

Laban ng Masa last week is very optimistic that PP 1017 will expedite Pres. Arroyo's removal from office. "Gloria's declaration of the State of Emergency has in many ways erased the dividing line between pro and anti-Gloria forces. The struggle now is not as polarized as before because it has been elevated to the defense of our hard-earned civil and political liberties against a repressive regime," Llamas stressed.

The AKBAYAN president is one of the signatories in the Supreme Court petition filed yesterday contesting the constitutionality of PP 1017. Llamas explained that while a legal battle is going on, "Mrs. Arroyo is losing big time in the battle for the public's approval because her insecurity was greatly exposed when she imposed the State of Emergency. Insecurity is symptomatic of guilt and the public has seen that she would do almost anything to justify her illegitimate presidency even at the expense of our democratic fundamentals."

AKBAYAN Rep. Risa Hontiveros announced that AKBAYAN will intensify its defiance of PP 1017 amidst the repressive stance of the Arroyo administration. "The continuing harassment of groups critical of the administration will not have the intended chilling effect on forces like us. Instead of dampening our spirits, it challenges us to intensify our efforts. In the end, this is not just about ousting Mrs. Arroyo from office, it is about defending democracy," the AKBAYAN solon added.