

Statement on the International Day for Elimination of Violence Against Women

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Stop Violence Against Women!

End the Anti-Women System of Trapo Politics!

The Partido Lakas ng Masa will mark the UN International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women with a candlelight vigil for the brave women who were raped and murdered by men in the Magindanao massacre.

“There has been a rise in the number of incidents of violence against women in the Philippines this year. Now the rape and murder of women is being used as a weapon, in the political violence unleashed by this patriarchal trapo political system.

“Trapo politics is fundamentally anti-women, although ironically, the number one trapo in the land is a woman president. Women in positions of power who continue to represent and support this country’s political system of trapo politics and elite rule damage and hinder the cause for gender equality and women’s rights. We need women who struggle for system change, against elite rule – the *masang kababaihan* – to represent us and take power”, said Nelia Yibar, the party’s spokeswoman for Gender Equality and Women’s Rights.