



# Threats to Freedom of Expression: **PHILIPPINES**

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# FM DECLARES MARTIAL LAW

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The nat'l  
situation  
in brief

• This is not a military takeover. Civilian government will function. The officials and employees of the national and local governments continue to discharge their duties as before within the limits of the situation.

• All executive, department, bureau, office, legislative and administrative functions of the government, as well as government-owned or controlled corporations, government-owned or controlled enterprises, provinces, cities, municipalities and towns continue to function under the present officers and employees in accordance with existing laws.

• The judiciary shall continue to function under the present organization and personnel and try and decide all criminal and civil cases with certain exceptions.

• All schools will be closed for one week beginning this Monday for all levels.

• Carrying of firearms inside the residence even if carried by license has without permission of the armed forces is prohibited.

• Curfew will be imposed from 12 midnight to 4



PRESIDENT MARCOS addresses nation by television broadcast.

**Nation is calm; business, li**

The nation has taken President Marcos' declaration of martial law calmly.

There was some amount of apprehension early in the day, but by the time the first morning papers in the country, the absence of their radio and television

discontinued into the day's drama. And the principal reason that has been the cooperation and loyalty of citizens in the city's neighborhoods, which usually are known to be divided by a handful of ethnic politicians, during the day, traffic was, in effect, unimpeded.







## PH 2nd-most dangerous country for journalists in past 25 years—IFJ



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# Philippines' Duterte condemned for saying journalists deserved to die

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## Duterte endorses killing corrupt journalists



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07:00 AM June 1st, 2016

# Duterte blasts UN: You can't even solve conflicts

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Posted at Jun 02 2016 11:43 PM

## Duterte rape joke on Australian missionary: Too much?

NEWS

## Duterte to UN rapporteurs: 'Go home and get some sleep'

Published June 8, 2016 3:52pm

President-elect Rodrigo Duterte on Wednesday shot back at United Nations human rights rapporteurs, condemning his recent statement suggesting that corrupt journalists should be killed.

#PHVOTE 2016

## Duterte curses Pope Francis over traffic during his visit

(UPDATED) Could the mayor and presidential aspirant have gone too far with his jokes?

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## Philippines won't honour UN climate deal, says president

Duterte says Paris climate pact seeks to dictate to developing countries and limit economic growth [reports Climate Home](#)



# Laws

- **Republic Act No. 10175** (Cybercrime Prevention Act of 2012)
- **Republic Act No. 9775** (Anti-Child Pornography Act of 2009)
- **Republic Act No. 10173** (Data Privacy Act of 2012)
- **Republic Act No. 4200** (Anti-Wiretapping Law)
- **Republic Act No. 9372** (Human Security Act of 2007)

# Government Agencies

- **Department of Justice**
  - Office of Cybercrime
  - National Bureau of Investigation (Cyber Crimes Division)
- **Philippine National Police**
  - Anti-Cybercrime Group
  - Intelligence Group
  - Directorate for Intelligence
- **Armed Forces of the Philippines**
  - ISAFP
  - Army, Navy, Air Force
- **National Intelligence Coordinating Agency**



# Content Types Subject to Censorship, Filtering or Surveillance

- **Cyber-Libel and other Cybercrimes** (censorship + surveillance)
- **Child Pornography** (filtering) + surveillance
- **Malicious Disclosure of Information** (censorship + surveillance)
- **Treason, Espionage, Provoking War and Disloyalty in case of War, Piracy, Mutiny in the High Seas, Rebellion** (incl. Conspiracy and to Proposal to Commit, Inciting to), **Sedition** (incl. Conspiracy to Commit, and Inciting to) **and Kidnapping** (surveillance)
- **Terrorism** (surveillance)



# Instances of Censorship and Surveillance

- “Offensive” social media posts/content

**Journalists' FB page taken down after criticizing Duterte**

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**ABS-CBN News**  
Posted at Jun 07 2016 01:51 AM

**ALTERMIDYA: FB'S ARBITRARY REMOVAL OF JOURNOS' POSTS 'DISTURBING'**  
June 8, 2016 Latest News 19 Views

MANILA - The Facebook page of the Economic Journalists Association of the Philippines (EJAP) has been taken down after it posted a statement against President-elect Rodrigo Duterte's statement on Thursday.

A group of independent and progressive members of [alternative media](#) on Thursday described as "disturbing" Facebook's arbitrary take down of posts by some journalists.

"It's unfortunate that our organization's account was taken down by Facebook after we posted our statement and pronouncement about media killings in the Philippines."

**SOCIAL MEDIA**

**Facebook takes down business journos' page after anti-Duterte post**

The Facebook page of the Economic Journalists Association of the Philippines (EJAP) is removed after the group posted a statement against President-elect Rodrigo Duterte

# Facebook bans TV5 journalist for anti-Marcos posts



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## Facebook apologizes for removing journo's anti-Marcos post



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By: Aries Joseph Hegina

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02:23 PM June 2nd, 2016



Ed Lingao

4 hrs ·

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Guess what? FB lifted the 24-hour ban on me, and reinstated one of the two deleted yesterday. Accident daw. The other one, the original post ibingan ng mga Bayani, is still down though. Thanks everyone! I had a peaceful night's sleep, because I couldn't respond to the... I've resumed flooding my posts again haha

Facebook accidentally removed something you posted on Facebook. This was a mistake, and we sincerely apologize for this error. We've fixed it, and you should now be able to see it.

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## FB restores journo Lingao's account, says takedown a 'mistake'

By: Tricia Aquino, InterAksyon.com  
June 2, 2016 1:45 PM



## Censorship? FB says sorry

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Janvic Mateo (The Philippine Star) - June 7, 2016 - 12:00am

MANILA, Philippines - Several Facebook pages or posts critical of president-elect Rodrigo Duterte and the family of defeated vice presidential candidate Ferdinand Marcos Jr. have been taken down after being "mob reported" by thousands of their supporters.

- **Surveillance of former Presidents**

- Pres. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo ("Hello Garci" Scandal)
- Pres. Corazon Aquino

## The Wiretapped Case of the Bogus Presidency of Philippines' Gloria Arroyo ("Hello Garci" in English)

By **Jesusa Bernardo**  
7:49 PM

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Doble: 'Hello Garci' wiretap ops done through Smart mole

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### Lacson tags ISAFP in wiretapping of Cory house

By **Jess Diaz** | Updated May 5, 2007 - 12:00am

Opposition Sen. Panfilo Lacson accused the Intelligence Service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (ISAFP) yesterday of tapping the home phone of former President Corazon Aquino.

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### AFP clears Isafp men in Cory wiretap row

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... just need a technical [employee] in Smart," Doble said. ... ping operations were far-reaching. "Walang imposible un (Nothing's impossible as long as you're a target,

ping, Doble said in Filipino that, le they can recruit. That's how it what their weaknesses are, what

art Communications did not know ... y or personnel.



- Surveillance re: corruption-related cases/transactions (e.g., NBN-ZTE scandal)



## Broadcasters refuse to name source of 'wiretapped conversation'

Published May 26, 2008 6:12pm

**MANILA, Philippines** - Two broadcasters on Monday refused to name the source of the alleged wiretapped conversation between businessman Joey de Venecia III and a man believed to be former Commission on Elections chairman Benjamin Abalos.

The two broadcasters - Anthony Taberna and Gerry Baja of dzMM - made the manifestation when they were placed on the witness stand during the hearing of the petition for the issuance of the writ of habeas data sought by the younger de Venecia.

# Emerging Threats

# proposed National ID System

## National ID proposal has backers, critics

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RG Cruz, ABS-CBN News

Posted at Jul 11 2016 03:57 PM

MANILA – Quezon City Representative Sonny Belmonte a national identification system for the country.

House Bill 12 is an act establishing a Filipino identification card to provide official identification of all citizens of the country. The bill shall gradually convert and consolidate existing identification systems into one integrated and efficient system.

## Two party-list lawmakers make own national ID proposal

July 17, 2016

Written by Ryan Ponce Pacpaco

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TWO more party-list congressmen yesterday proposed the establishment of a National Identification Card to serve as the official identification of all Filipino citizens or alien permanent residents dealing with government agencies, government owned or controlled corporation (GOCC), firm or establishment.

Ako Bicol Reps. Rodel M. Batocabe and Christopher S. Co authored House Bill (HB) No. 523 to institutionalize a national identification card that will replace the existing identification cards.

## Trillanes files bill to create national ID system



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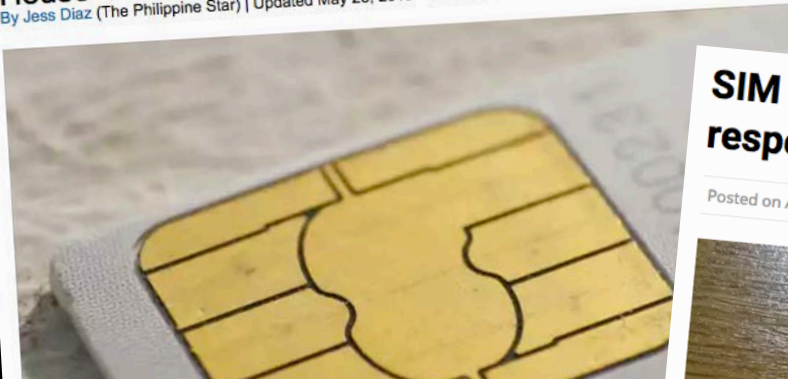
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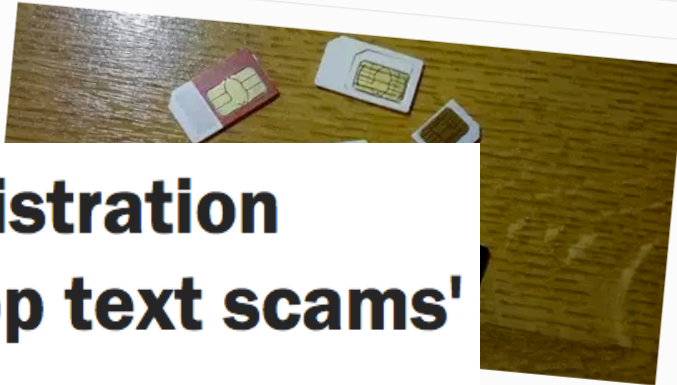
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# proposed Mandatory SIM Card Registration System

House OKs bill on registration of prepaid SIM cards  
By Jess Diaz (The Philippine Star) | Updated May 23, 2015 - 12:00am



SIM card registration bill earns negative response from Internet freedom group  
Posted on August 12, 2015 by Ruby B



## 'SIM card registration needed to stop text scams'

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Posted at Jul 09 2014 05:57 PM | Updated as of Jul 10 2014 01:57 AM

The proposal for mandatory SIM card registration has earned a negative response from an Internet freedom group which called the legislation a "violation of citizens' privacy."



# *proposed* Expansion of Exemptions to Anti-Wiretapping Law (e.g., drug-related offenses, coup, corruption)

**Lacson bill allows wiretaps vs coups, money laundering, illegal drugs**  
(philstar.com) | Updated July 10, 2016 - 1:40pm



Sen. Panfilo Lacson recently filed a bill which sought to allow wiretaps against crimes such as coups, money-laundering and drug cases. **File photo**

MANILA, Philippines – Sen. Panfilo Lacson recently filed a bill to allow wiretaps against crimes such as coups, money laundering and illegal drugs.

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