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## **Crimes gone wild!**

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**SAN FRANCISCO, CA. - - The series of murder, kidnapping, bombing, terrorism, hijacking, robbery, rape, rebel encounter and all sorts of violence that are relentlessly taking place in the regions of Luzon, the Visayas and jungles of Mindanao have significantly alarmed the Filipino Americans.**

**It seems the police and other law enforcers are having difficult times in its fight against crimes.**

**Through all sources of information more particularly the Internet that gives out news from various publications and Radio-TV programs, it appears the Philippines is severely hit by excessive crimes of all sorts everyday.**

**The last political exercise looks like it ushered the series of assassinations with the murder of governors, town mayors and other political candidates. Taking advantage of the situation, the terrorists are enjoying a festival of explosions in public places that claim dozens of lives and destruction of property. Not to be outdone are the various fronts of rebels which also make appearances in the melee. Violent demonstrations are daily affairs and sad to state, some of the organizers do not have solid objectives. By all imaginations, the nation is burning!**

**The Filipinos scattered in foreign lands are very much concerned of the situation in the country. Many are saying that the continuous improvement of the economy on account of the climb of the peso against the dollar in the international market is not making any good.**

**Others think so much freedom and government tolerance are getting a toll and is causing damage instead. The system has been so lenient in its policies towards the rebels like the leftists who now go public undisturbed. The rebels in the jungle can get in and out, in cities untouched and with heavy firepower. The military is relaxed in its control of guns. The judiciary appears slow in its enforcement of the laws of the state. The legislative body, to the words of a Senator has some criminals. Compartmentalized justice, which seemed to have disappeared years ago is felt again in our society.**

**These Filipinos working abroad have close relatives back home and this made them extremely worried so much because the unabated rise of crimes might one day give them bad news.**



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As we all know, the country is dependent to its foreign workers. Money by billions in dollars is regularly channeled back home. Funds coming from these Filipinos who work the hard way even in danger zones, in the Middle East, European countries, Asians, USA, Australia and everywhere find its way toward supporting the economy.

We are made to believe that the rate of poverty affecting the citizens is going down on account of the rise of employment in public and private sectors. The improved economy is now in place and likewise it has improved too local businesses.

But all these things cannot prosper unless peace and order is improved first. Look at the advisory travel notices of Canada, Australia, European states, USA and many others to its citizens about the danger in the Philippines. It is the tourism industry that will be hit hard as well as the dollar-earning business firms that depend so much from tourism. When the flow of tourists is tremendously reduced or blocked, the country will suffer so much. (BEN EMATA)