

## 2 influential voices speak on EJK

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**CARDINAL LUIS ANTONIO TAGLE**

**WE, at the Filipino Reporter, are pleased to note that two influential and highly-respected Filipino citizens in the native country have spoken about extrajudicial killings (EJK) and**

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**what can be done about it, adding their voices to both domestic and worldwide indignations on the inhuman practice under the Duterte Administration's campaign against drugs.**

**In our previous editorials and columns, we have repeatedly brought up the EJK issue and the need to rehabilitate drug addicts by proper treatment, instead of the seeming need to kill them.**

**Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle, earlier this week in an interview with Radio Veritas, "called on the Filipino people to defend and value human life amid a spate of so-called extrajudicial killings under the Duterte Administration."**

**Cardinal Tagle, in the same interview, said that human life is sacred and all forms and means of human rights violations should be condemned.**

**He also cited the rising rates of abortion, unfair labor practices, and food waste, which he described as "a crime against human dignity."**

**"Buhay ng kahit sino, hindi lamang buhay na gusto nating protektahan...Basta taong may buhay kahit sino pa siya, ang buhay na yun ay sagrado. Alam ko na ngayon na ang malaking usapin ay ang nagiging mga pagpatay, pero kahit nga guilty man o hindi guilty, ang buhay ay dapat alagaan at igalang," the church prelate said.**

**(Translation: Anyone's life, irrespective of who or what he or she is, is sacred. I understand that there is a big discussion on the killings, but even if they are guilty or not, human life should be respected and valued.)**

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**VICE PRESIDENT LENI ROBREDO** said that “international justice is the only way to get justice for the victims of extrajudicial killings.”