

Duterte misses his train

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Without his globally and internally condemned extrajudicial killings (EJKs), President Rodrigo Duterte would have been sitting in a “comfortable train coach” of history.

Instead, he is being compared to Adolf Hitler.

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He may also qualify in comparison to Idi Amin of Africa or to Pol Pot of Asia, both notorious for killing their own people extrajudicially during their reign as leaders of their respective nations.

With over 12,000 reported deaths blamed on his bloody and brutal anti-drug campaign, Mr. Duterte has been in the condemnation radar of international human rights organizations and advocates, as well as internal anti-Duterte groups inside the Philippines, including the influential Catholic Church.

The United Nations Human Rights Commission in Geneva, Human Rights Watch in New York, Amnesty International in London, European Union Parliament, House of Lords in London, a group of U.S. Senators and a large number of Americans have condemned Duterte's EJK since he assumed the presidency in June 2016.

There is a pending complaint against President Duterte in the International Criminal Court in The Hague.

Those HR groups are now demanding accountability for the killings in the past 16 months.

In the Philippines, a number of anti-Duterte organizations have sprouted since the killing of three innocent teenagers in August.

The latest was a group of lawyers who called themselves "Mga Manananggol Laban sa Extra Judicial Killings" or "Manlaban sa EJKs."

Almost on a daily basis, hundreds of Filipinos criticize Mr. Duterte's EJK in social media.

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One Facebook user this morning (Nov. 2) referred to the current administration in Manila as “wicked government.”



Above criticism has been common place in Facebook since teenager Kian Loyd delos Santos was summarily executed by members of Caloocan police.

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I predict that, henceforth, hollow block manufacturing will boom around the native country.

Incoming presidential spokesman Harry Roque said he would throw hollow blocks to critics of Mr. Duterte.

The good deeds of Mr. Duterte's administration are diminished by his "Kill, Kill, Kill" reputation and order to his police.

He should have centered, instead, on constructive programs, like his ambitious "Build, Build, Build" infrastructure program, which, includes an elaborate railway system in Davao.

Unfortunately, the Philippine president missed his train.

Trump Asia trip

The Filipino Reporter wishes President Donald J. Trump a fruitful trip to Asia, including the Philippines, where he will attend a Gala in observance of the 50th year of the

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Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

He will also conduct bilateral meetings with leaders of ASEAN, including PH President Rodrigo Duterte.