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The president of the Philippines Ferdinand Marcos Jr and the vice president Sara Duterte have commended the infamous policies of former President Duterte by continuing to advocate for extrajudicial killings, consistently calling for the murder of “drug personalities” and urging the police and military to eliminate all communist rebels while dismissing human rights. The ongoing National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (NTF-ELCAC) activities and the institutionalization, legitimization, and intensification of “red-tagging” – (the labelling of unarmed civilians, human rights defenders, and church members as a tactic of state terror to suppress dissent) frequently lead to extrajudicial executions and embedding these practices into law. Over the past six years, this has fostered a hostile atmosphere towards human rights defenders and church workers. This situation endangers the country's human rights defenders, church workers, and activists.

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