

Human Rights Violations Against Students

April 1973



On the night of 4 April 1973, men who identified themselves as members of the Philippine Constabulary Anti-Narcotics Unit barged into the home of the Hilao family. Lilia Hilao, a student activist from the Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila, was taken away and was brutally killed in a detention cell at Camp Crame. The military falsely claimed that Lilia committed suicide by drinking muriatic acid inside a male comfort room. Evidence showed that her body was subjected to torture and abuse. Lilia's case remains a testament to the various human rights violations committed against student activists.

Libu-libong mga Pilipino ang nakaranas ng pang-aabuso sa ilalim ng Batas Militar, kasama ang mga kabataang aktibista gaya ni Lilia Hilao, isang mag-aaral ng Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila. Noong 4 Abril 1973, sinugod ng mga tauhan ng Anti-Narcotics Unit ng Philippine Constabulary ang bahay ng mga Hilao at dinakip si Lilia. Matapos maipiit sa Camp Crame, iniulat ng militar na nagpakamatay ang dalaga sa pamamagitan ng pag-inom ng muriatic acid. Ang mga labi ni Lilia ay puno ng marka ng pang-aabuso at mga paso mula sa upos ng sigarilyo.

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