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Free our sisters! Free ourselves! is an international campaign against the political persecution and repression of women activists and human rights defenders in the Philippines. The campaign serves as a platform to generate international support for the defence and freedom of women human rights defenders and to raise public awareness on the dire human rights situation in the Philippines and the neglected plight of women prisoners.

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**The Context**

Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte "Ninoy" Aquino III made his office the workplace of a prisoner that his regime will be globally different from that of the previous Duterte administration. The state of a political family member has and will be a challenge to the highly repressive Duterte regime, Aquino's role to end impunity and human rights violations in the Philippines.

Following the end of the Duterte regime, Aquino has shown only empty rhetoric, sidelining rehabilitation of conventional, individual killings, reform of prosecutors, attacks on activists and the promotion of political opponents, and one another human rights defender working substance in the Aquino regime's ongoing law and order and escalating violation of human rights.

The number of illegally arrested and detained political prisoners in the Philippines has grown to an alarming number. As of June 2015, there are 40 women political prisoners and activists (international prisoners in the Philippines, more than half of whom have been imprisoned during the Duterte administration).

Without the aid of GABRIELA Alliance of Filipino Women (GABRIELA) the latest women's human rights defender (legally arrested and detained by Aquino III) has been arrested without a warrant (subsequent charges were dropped) in June 1, 2015 following a midnight raid and illegal search for her house (the search was conducted without warrants, National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) is conducting a search for her house and her children).

Sharon is suffering from Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD), a health condition that requires constant medical attention, a specially prepared diet and plenty of exercise. Her treatment is severely limited by access to her health needs and access to her condition due to the daily physical and mental stress of being in jail, notwithstanding the many of the aging and old women political prisoners.

The incarceration of Sharon Cabusao is a gross violation of her human rights and a direct threat to her health. Please support a plea for the release of Sharon and other women human rights defenders, freedom of the state's or women human rights defenders like Sharon and other women political prisoners. The fight for their freedom is a fight for our own.

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 Defend our civil liberties! Defend women's rights!

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