

NELSON ASUCENA

FILIPINO NATIONAL, 19 years old

Reports show that cases of political killings are routinely delayed at all stages of investigation and prosecution.

Nelson Asucena was Chair of the Youth Council in his local village government. On 13 December 2006, six armed men in camouflage uniforms shot him dead outside his family home in Cagayan, northern Luzon. When his family rushed out the six men had already fled.

Nelson's father identified one of the armed men as army Lieutenant Marcelo Pascua. Lieutenant Pascua had previously visited Nelson's home in November 2006 – shortly after the military had named Nelson as a suspected insurgent – and ordered him to renounce his alleged support for the communist armed opposition.

In January 2007, Nelson's family filed a criminal complaint against Lieutenant Pascua. The prosecutor found initial evidence to support the charge and recommended to the Deputy Ombudsman for the Military and other law enforcement agencies that he put the case forward for a ruling by the special court that tries government officials. However, the Deputy Ombudsman has delayed filing the case. In addition, no police investigation has taken place.

ACT NOW

Call on the Ombudsman to:

- Expedite the Nelson Asucena case and all other pending cases of political killings and enforced disappearances.

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