



DOCUMENTATION FORM

PART 1: INCIDENT REPORT

Case Number :
Type of case : Killing
Name : Graciano Aquino, 40
Media affiliation : Central Luzon Forum, Bataan
Time and Date of Incident : 21 January 2006, 4:40pm
Place of Incident : cockfight arena in Sitio Panibatuan in Barangay Poblacion
Perpetrators : Nestor Nazareno and one Johh Doe
Motive : Police said Aquino might have been suspected of being a police informer because of his alleged closeness to police officers.
Witnesses (if any) :
Lawyer handling the case :
Investigating Officer :
Reference/Contact Persons :
 Telephone Number :
 Address :
 Relation to Victim/Incident :

Account of Incident:

Police said Graciano Aquino, 40, was standing inside the cockpit arena in Sitio Panibatuan in Barangay Poblacion, Morong, Bataan when armed men approached him and shot him at close range around 4:40 p.m. on January 21, 2006. The victim sustained two gunshot wounds in the nape. He was already dead when he was brought to the Morong rural health center.

Armed attackers, reportedly members of the Marxist-Leninist Party of the Philippines-Rebolusyonaryong Hukbong Bayan, approached Aquino and shot him at close range in the nape of the neck.

The circumstances behind the columnist's slay remain unclear, although several journalists confirmed he was lambasting several officials in Bataan. Aquino was the third Bataan journalist to be killed since 1986, following [Ruben Manrique](#) (1988) and [Romeo Binungcal](#) (2004).

Aquino, columnist of the local newspaper Central Luzon Forum, had also formerly been a reporter of radio station, dzRH.

On January 24, 2006, the police filed murder charges against two suspects.

Supt. Arnold Gunnacao, Bataan deputy police director for operations, said a case for murder was lodged Nestor Nazareno of Barangay Poblacion, Morong, and a John Doe at the Bataan Prosecutor's Office in Balanga City.

Nazareno allegedly was a former member of the Communist Rebolusyunariong Hukbong Bayan, but had reportedly severed ties with the breakaway group.

Police said the suspect was identified by witnesses in the afternoon assassination of Graciano “Gary” Aquino, 40, resident of Barangay Binaritan, Morong.

PART 2: VICTIM’S PROFILE

Name	:	Graciano Aquino, 40
Media affiliation	:	Central Luzon Forum, Bataan
Position	:	
Address	:	Barangay Binaritan, Morong
Birthday	:	
Single/Married	:	
Children	:	
Background as journalist	:	worked as a reporter for radio station dzRH.