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ULAP Statement on the Ambush of Lanao del Sur Gov. Mamintal Adiong Jr. 19 February 2023

The Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines (ULAP), the umbrella organization of all leagues of local government units strongly condemns the assassination attempt on Lanao del Sur Governor Mamintal Adiong Jr. last 17 February 2023. Said attempt caused the Honorable Governor and a member of his staff, Ali Macapado Tabao, to be injured, and the death of his security escorts, Juraij Adiong, Aga Sumandar, Jalil Cosain, and a certain Kobi.

It is deeply concerning and reprehensible that an individual or a group would attempt to harm an elected representative of the people who has a duty to serve and protect the community. Such an act goes against democracy, rule of law, and basic human decency. Violence and intimidation have no place in a civilized society and any attempt to use force to silence or harm public officials is a threat to the safety and security of all citizens.

ULAP joins the call of our country's leaders to utilize all legal means available to pursue and bring the perpetrators to the scales of Lady Justice. Such a remorseless act of violence is abominable and must not be perpetuated. We must stand together to condemn such acts and support efforts to ensure the safety of our public officials and the people they serve.

The ULAP National Executive Board Members and Member-Leagues express their deepest and sincerest condolences to the families of the aides of Governor Adiong and pray for the speedy recovery of the Governor and his staff.

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