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Mr. Ruben D. Torres

President

Trade Union Congress of the Philippines

Unit 601, Marbella II

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Manila

PHILIPPINES

Dear Brother Ruben:

ITUC-AP Statement on the Illegal Reoccupation of the TUCP Headquarters

It is with indefinable sadness to receive the shocking news from the TUCP that:

1. A group of persons, reportedly led by Michael Democrito and Raymond Democrito (two sons of Mr. Democrito Mendoza), forcefully and illegally took over the TUCP headquarters at around 5:00 this morning; and
2. Over 50 persons with 10 security guards were involved in the re-occupation of the TUCP headquarters which had been ordered to be returned to the rightful leadership (under former President Ernesto Herrera) by the Philippine Court of Appeals as affirmed by the Supreme Court.

This kind of action utterly defies the principles of the free and democratic trade unionism which we have been upholding.

We, the ITUC - Asia Pacific, condemn the forceful and illegal reoccupation of the TUCP headquarters by the group in defiance of the decision by the Supreme Court. Ruben Torres rightfully succeeded as the new President of the TUCP in accordance with the TUCP Constitutional process. Ernesto Herrera had earlier been upheld by the Supreme Court as the rightful TUCP President succeeding the former President Democrito Mendoza who resigned.

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