

SAVE OUR FUTURE

THE COST OF WAR

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO GO TO WAR?

- * One (1) M-16 bullet (price: P30) is equivalent to three meals in one day for a family of six
- * One (1) V-150 Armored Personnel Carrier (price: P60 million) is equivalent to the cost of elementary education for 113,703 children for one school year.
- * One (1) Sikorsky helicopter (price: P200 million) is equivalent to the daily wage of nearly four million workers.
- * One (1) F-16 fighter jet (price: P100 million) is equivalent to the cost of complete medication of 33,333 tuberculosis patients.

Last summer, the Aquino administration spent no less than 50 million in a counter-insurgency operation called OPLAN RED BUSTER III in Northern Luzon lasted for a month. Some of the expenses incurred were the following:

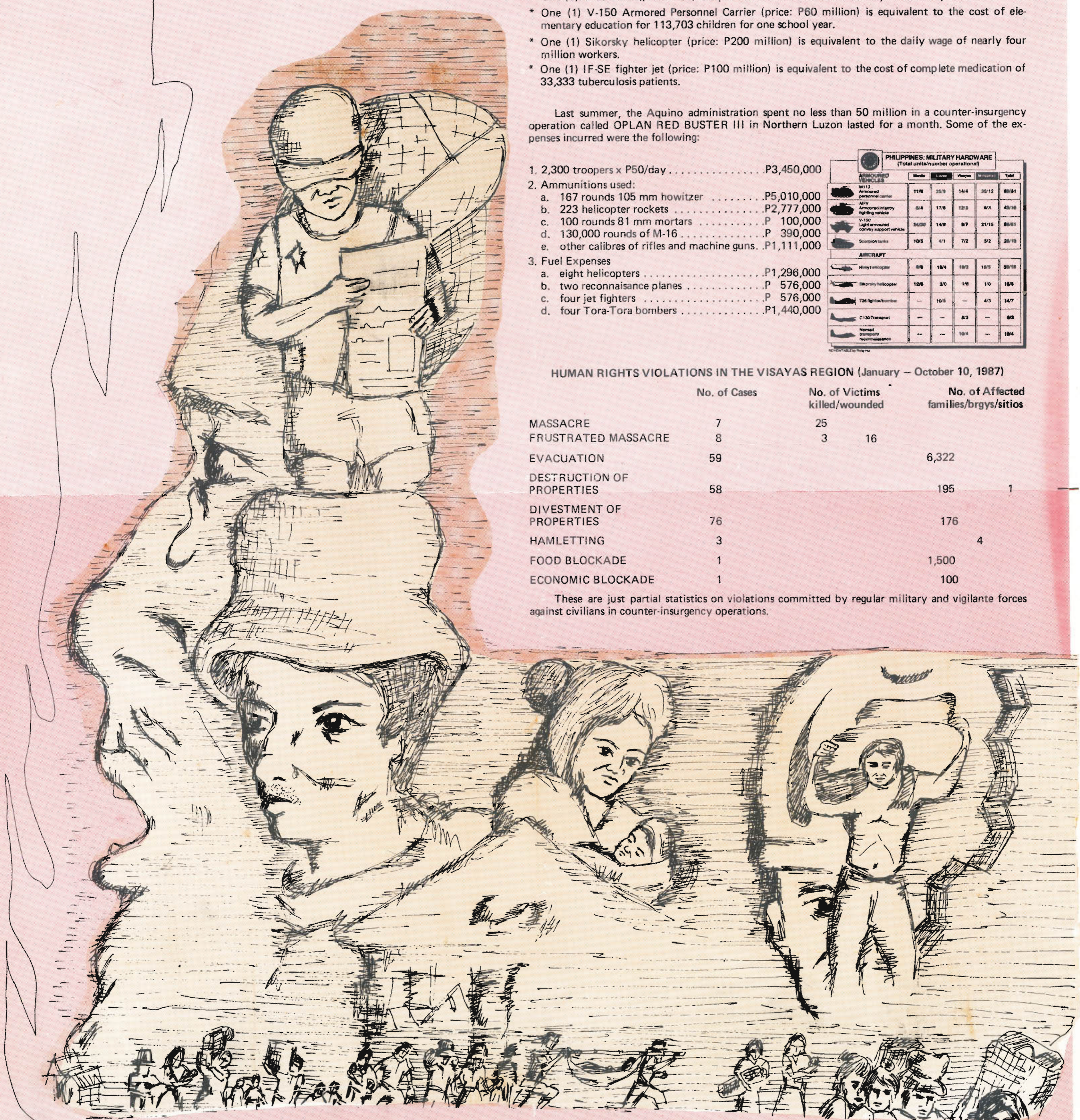
1. 2,300 troopers x P50/day P3,450,000
2. Ammunitions used:
 - a. 167 rounds 105 mm howitzer P5,010,000
 - b. 223 helicopter rockets P2,777,000
 - c. 100 rounds 81 mm mortars P 100,000
 - d. 130,000 rounds of M-16 P 390,000
 - e. other calibres of rifles and machine guns . P1,111,000
3. Fuel Expenses
 - a. eight helicopters P1,296,000
 - b. two reconnaissance planes P 576,000
 - c. four jet fighters P 576,000
 - d. four Tora-Tora bombers P1,440,000

ARMED SERVICES	Manila	Luzon	Visayas	Mindanao	Total
M113 Armored personnel carrier	11/8	25/9	14/4	30/12	80/31
APV Armored infantry fighting vehicle	0/4	17/8	13/3	9/3	43/18
V-150 Light armored convoy support vehicle	24/20	14/8	8/7	21/15	68/50
Scorpion tanks	10/5	4/1	7/2	5/2	26/10
AIRCRAFT					
Helicopter	8/8	18/4	18/2	18/5	62/19
Reconnaissance helicopter	12/8	2/0	1/0	1/0	16/8
F-16 fighter/bomber	—	10/5	—	4/3	14/7
C-130 Transport	—	—	8/3	—	8/3
Normal transport reconnaissance	—	—	10/4	—	10/4

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN THE VISAYAS REGION (January – October 10, 1987)

	No. of Cases	No. of Victims killed/wounded	No. of Affected families/brgy/sitios
MASSACRE	7	25	
FRUSTRATED MASSACRE	8	3	16
EVACUATION	59		6,322
DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTIES	58		195
DIVESTMENT OF PROPERTIES	76		176
HAMLETING	3		4
FOOD BLOCKADE	1		1,500
ECONOMIC BLOCKADE	1		100

These are just partial statistics on violations committed by regular military and vigilante forces against civilians in counter-insurgency operations.



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