

others the **Lepanto Consolidated Mining Company**. In a worldwide criticism, the Company is due to destroy the natural basis of life in Northern Luzon, particularly by gold mining.

The present finance- and bank-crises shows very well the international network of the finance capital. There is no land on earth, which is free from the disastrous consequences of their worldwide greed for profit. Hartz IV and Agenda 2010 in Germany or the special brutal destructive exploitation of the nature and the oppression of environment activists in the Philippine are products of the same politic of the multinational working companies. With our **“International Watch- and Protest-Guard”** we set up a signal of international solidarity.

Philippine workers in the automotive industry declared in May 2007 their solidarity with the Monday-Demonstration-Movement and supported the strike of Telecom workers in Stuttgart against the outsourcing of 50.000 jobs. We keep this still in our memory.

For as long as James Balao is not surfaced, we'll think of him in our assembly movement. Being an international protest and dunning vigil we count the days of his disappearance. We protest at the "Open Microphone" against the Government of the Philippines for this inhuman policy and against the government in Berlin, who announces itself as a worldwide "peace-maker".

We provide the framework for our partnership of enlightenment and for material Assistance according to our possibilities. Donations may be given in a donation-box. The donations will be given to 100% to the family of James Balao or to the partner organization of the CPA. Members of the self-organization International Solidarity will conduct the donation box and will audit the donations.

Our partnership makes no conditions, it is based on an antifascist foundation, it is "ueberparteilich" (above party lines), democratically and financially independent. We are the people, in Germany, in the Philippines and all over the world! Anyone who attacks one of you, attacks us all. The inviolable international solidarity is the order of the day! Long live international solidarity!

Unanimously adopted with one abstention at the Monday-Demonstration 24th of November 2008 and by the CPA, Baguio City.

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**James Balao
wants to rescue the
environment from the greed for
profit- therefore
he disappeared enforced**



Who is he???

47 years old, eldest son of Arthur and Jane Balao of Atok and La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines

Place of the Incident: Lower Tomay, La Trinidad, Benguet

Date of the Incident: 17th of September 2008, between 8 and 9 am

By whom?

Undercover elements of the Intelligence Security Unit (ISU) and Military Intelligence Group (Region I) of the Armed Forces of the Philippines in collaboration with local Philippine National Police (PNP) units.

**James Balao is founding member
researcher and educator of the
Cordillera Peoples Alliance
(www.cpaphils.org)**

Account of the Incident:

On the morning of September 17, 2008 at 7 AM James Balao left his residence in Fairview, Baguio City, intending to go to his family residence in La Trinidad, Benguet. He informed his family that he was going home that day through a text message at about 6:45 am. He was not able to reach home and has not been in contact with his family or friends since.



Friends and concerned individuals reported that five armed men took James at gunpoint in front of the St. Therese Church at Lower Tomay, which is a few meters away from the gate of the Philippine National Police Regional Office-Cordillera Administrative Region (PRO-CAR), Camp Dangwa. These men were alighted from a white vehicle that looked like a Mitsubishi Adventure or Revo. Two of them immediately thrust their hand pistols at the side of James. One of them tried to prevent James from speaking more covered the mouth of James and violently twisted his head to the side. The remaining one pointed his armalite at the shocked onlookers as he warned them not to interfere. He shouted: "We are the police! Do not interfere! He is a drug

pusher! And they took him to the Camp Dangwa.

Since April 2008 James and his family was often observed by white and blue vans. They even argue, James would be the head of the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) Education Bureau in the Ilocos and Cordillera regions.

The **Cordillera Human Rights Alliance** believes that the surveillance and enforced disappearance of Balao was perpetrated by state security forces as a part of their operations under Oplan Bantay Laya as a part of the "Low Intensity (Warfare)-Conflict" of the US-policy to categorizing arbitrary people's organizations and their staff and volunteers as "front organizations" and "supporters" of the NPA. This policy has led to the surveillance, harassment and intimidation, abduction and killing of members and leaders of progressive people's organizations all over the country. With this policy they want to oppress each free opinion and want to intimidate all people who are in opposition to the policy of President Arroyo. Since Gloria Arroyo gets President in 2001 more than 1000 people in the opposition were killed cowardly on the street and more than 300 were disappeared enforced. Resistance against such inhuman policy is justified!

Partnership between the Monday-Demonstration-Movement in Stuttgart, Germany and



Monday-Ralley in Berlin
on 6.11.2008

James Balao, activist and founding member of Cordillera Peoples Alliance, Baguio City, Northern Luzon, Philippines.

The Monday-Demonstration- Movement "Down with Hartz IV- We are the people!" [Hartz IV/Agenda 2010 are unsocial laws against the people in Germany] protested in October 2008 to the government of the Philippines against the enforced disappearance of James Balao. He was kidnapped on the street on the 17th of September 2008 - his life is in a great danger! James Balao is one of the founders of Cordillera Peoples Alliance, alliance of indigenous peoples' organizations in the Cordillera (www.cpaphils.org). In the struggle against the destruction of nature and the environment, he stood in the first row.

In the Philippines, the **German Dresdner Bank** and **Allianz AG**, funded among

