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U.S. Embassy Statement on Recent Atrocities in Maguindanao

The U.S. Embassy in Manila condemns the recent mass killings in Maguindanao in the strongest possible terms. Ambassador Kristie A. Kenney said: "Such barbaric acts violate the most fundamental principles of human rights and democracy." On behalf of all American and Filipino employees of the Embassy, Ambassador Kenney offers heartfelt condolences to the families, friends and colleagues of the victims.

The Embassy urges the Philippine government to spare no effort in investigating these terrible crimes and preventing such violence in the months ahead. Ambassador Kenney stressed: "We strongly believe that a thorough, rapid, and transparent investigation must be conducted, and those responsible must be brought to swift justice."

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