



The Law Society  
of England and Wales



**Subject:** Invitation – Presentation of Report on Attacks Against Legal Professionals in the Philippines | June 4, The Hague

You are cordially invited to attend the official presentation of “**Black Robes, Red Targets**”, the report of the **fact-finding mission on extrajudicial killings and other human rights violations against legal professionals in the Philippines (2016–2023)**.

**Date:** Wednesday, 4 June 2025

**Time:** 17:00 - 18:00

**Venue:** [Nieuwspoord Press Center](#), Bezuidenhoutseweg 67, The Hague, Netherlands

**Format:** This will be a hybrid event with the option to join in person or online (registration needed)

This report presents the findings of the **Caravana Filipina**, a 12-member international delegation of legal experts who carried out an independent fact-finding mission in the Philippines from 4 to 14 June 2024. Their investigation **uncovered a disturbing pattern of extrajudicial killings, harassment, and systemic repression targeting legal professionals** — acts closely tied to former President Duterte’s violent war on drugs and an entrenched culture of impunity.

During the event, members of the Caravana Filipina will present their findings, answer questions, and reflect on the implications of these human rights violations for democracy, the rule of law, and the legal profession in the Philippines. The report not only offers a focused examination and contributes to a broader understanding of the repression faced by the Philippine legal profession but also honors the extraordinary resilience of lawyers who continue to fight for justice and democracy in the face of lethal threats.

**For a glimpse into the urgency and context behind this mission, we invite you to view a short teaser video** (approx. 3 min) [here](#).

**Please confirm your attendance (in person or online) by signing up** [here](#).

We look forward to welcoming you.

Sincerely, Caravana Filipina

Fact-finding mission on extrajudicial killings and other gross human rights violations against legal professionals in the Philippines (2016-2023)