

## Initial Data: Baldomero killing

**Case:** Political killing

**Victim:** Fernando Baldomero, 61 (born January 31, 1949), married, resident of Brgy. Sta. Cruz Biga-a, Lezo, Aklan, reelected Sangguniang Bayan member of Lezo, provincial coordinator of Bayan Muna for Aklan and member of Samahan ng mga Ex Detainee Laban sa Detensyon at para sa Amnestiya (SELDA)



**POI:** Brgy. Estancia, Kalibo

**DOI:** July 5, 2010

**Perpetrators:** Two unidentified persons, suspected to be military elements

### Details:

At around 6:30 a.m. on July 5, 2010, Fernando Baldomero was outside his house at Brgy. Estancia, Kalibo, preparing to bring a 12-year old son to school when two persons on a black motorcycle stopped near him and shot him at close range.

Baldomero was donning a helmet since he was to ride his kid to school, but three bullets from the assailants' firearms hit him on the head. He was immediately brought by family members to the Provincial Hospital in Kalibo but was declared dead-on-arrival.

It was reported that one of the assailants carried a long firearm while the other one had a pistol. After shooting Baldomero, the gunmen immediately left.

Baldomero was a political prisoner in the 1980s, being tagged by the military as a high-ranking commander of the New People's Army. After release from detention he established life in his hometown in Lezo, Aklan, with temporary residence at Brgy. Estancia at Kalibo town. In August 2005 while a barangay official in Lezo, he was arrested and detained Guimbal, Iloilo and in San Remigio, Antique for offenses attributed to the New People's Army but was cleared of both charges and eventually released. In September 2006 he was charged of two offenses in Tubungan, Iloilo but the cases were dismissed by the Provincial Prosecutor.

On March 19, 2010, during the election campaign unidentified persons lobbed two grenades at the house of Baldomero in Lezo. One grenade exploded at the back of the house. Fortunately, Baldomero's father 92-year old Ramon Baldomero was unhurt when the second grenade thrown at a window did not explode.

Baldomero's son Ernan, a member of the media, said the killing could only be because of the political involvement of his father.

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