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Two governors, Grace Padaca and Teddy Baguilat Jr., and two mayors, Jesse Robredo and Sonia Lorenzo, who are founders of yet another national movement called "*Kaya Natin*," came to the rescue of Pampanga Gov. Ed Panlilio, in the aftermath of the failure of the police to secure his office against the onslaught of demonstrators.

Before I get to Governor Panlilio, however, let me say that *talaga namang "kaya natin"*, as we have long proven ourselves to be a resilient people.

But part of their unfortunate statement read, "*We are saddened and very disappointed in these turn of events, as the people responsible for upholding the law did nothing while the duly-constituted authorities of the province were unjustly threatened. This inaction betrays the partisan manner by which laws are enforced in the locality and contrary to the precepts of good governance* ."

So we ask: ***si Among Ed, kaya ba niya?*** *Asan ang prueba? Security lang ng opisina niya, wala nang ibuga, e ano pa ang kaya nya* ? Isn't he is governor now, doesn't he know his powers? Part of his test is to make those powers work.

Ano siya, lone ranger or plain tonto?

If Governor Panlilio cannot secure his own office, how can he secure his constituency?

C'mon guys, let "Among Ed" show what he is really worth before we go gaga behind him. Other than fixing the income of Pampanga from the aggregates that abound its rivers, what has this priest really done? *Masyado na tayong na-condition reflex ng pagnanakaw ng mga Lapid at ng jueteng ng mga Pineda, na pag hindi nagnakaw at hindi tumanggap ng suhol from gambling lords, e bida na* . My goodness, job description *pa lang yan ng isang* elected or appointed public official, just as they say it, public office is public trust.

Read my lips – public officials are not really supposed to steal. In fact, *wala namang taong dapat nagnanakaw.*□

Ang babaw ng kaligayahan natin, besides that ano pa? Kailangan circumspective naman tayo.

What happened at the

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is a police matter.

Among Ed is not an ordinary helpless citizen. He is the governor of Pampanga. All he has to do is enforce the law.□

So please do not bloat this issue. If he cannot secure his own office, how can he secure his

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constituency? In fact, I find him negligent that those mischievous demonstrators managed to kick open the door of his office. He owes it at least to his rah-rah boys to keep himself safe and alive. If the police and military cannot secure him, he must deputize people who by law are allowed to secure public officials like him. I have worked for many public officials and we have always designed our physical security and handpicked deputies who can deliver.

Hindi magandang reflection sa management capability nya yun. Certainly people who think he is presidential must have second thoughts.

Kapitolyo lang walang adequate security, e paano pag Malacanang na yan?

Also, one *Kapampangan* at a time. Not too long ago, we ended up with the most qualified person ever to be proclaimed President. So the middle class bought the glitter of her brownie points. But because everybody knows she cheated her way, she never really got the mandate of the rest of the nation. Still the nation closed their eyes just because, Fernando Poe was unacceptable to their elitist culture. She mistook that to be impunity and what we now know is she has continued to steal from government to redistribute the wealth to those who insures her survival. So no programs ever got funded, except by foreign borrowings, and we are in a worse mess than we were during Erap's time.

Thus no more instant and self-styled saviors! We always created a problem for every solution because we resort to favorites without really being backed by a hard track record. *Ano ba talaga ang silbi nitong si Among Ed*

, except to inspire. We need more than hot air. Noli de Castro also inspires and so does Mike Velarde but they take their security seriously. Reality check
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Filipinas. And the only thing needed is a small push towards productivity because remittances from abroad are already able to balance our financial act. But one must be alive and secured so that he can deliver and sustain the goodness he wants share with his people. No more heroic

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Ninoys, but dead.

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[Iraq Is Not Worth Dying For \(As Compared to Ninoy Aquino's Words\)](#)

[Two Different Views of the Death of Benigno S. Aquino, Jr.](#)

[Assasination of Benigno S. Aquino, Jr.](#)

[Ninoy Aquino Was Destined for Heroic Deeds – Senator Pimentel](#)

[Ninoy Aquino: A Hero for All Seasons](#)

[Where Have All the Filipino Leaders Gone? \(With Apology to Lee Iacocca\)](#)

[Is There Hope for the "Country of Contradictions?"](#)

In fairness to the beleaguered governor, *huwag nating ubusin* ang goodwill *niya* by shouting "wolf" every time something adverse happens to him.

For now, our present appetite is to come to the aid of 14-year old Bino de la Paz who allegedly "mauled" a Muslim mayor and his gun-totting bodyguards over a golf issue, and his sister Bambee who seemingly hurt the feelings of Secretary Nasser Pangandaman through her blog and has now been sued for libel.

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Bino and Bambee inspire even more. They look adolescent, but it appears that they can deliver against giants. Better yet, they know how to use resources within their short reach to connect to the long arm of the law.

Definitely not lone rangers, and definitely not tontos. # # #

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