Buhay Preso: Violent Events Encountered by Selected Inmates of The New Bilibid Prison

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Findings

1. There are 13 gangs inside the New Bilibid prison and all of the respondents of this study are members of the same gang named Sigue-sigue Commando. According to the respondents, they depend on the group for security and “pakinisama”. They claim that being a member give a “sense of peace and order” because of certain rules that they follow. Though they experience beatings for not complying with the rules, they perceive it as a normal punishment and not violent.

2. There is still violence inside the prison although the prisoners deny that it is happening, due to their loyalty and conformity in the gang that they belong to. The researchers noticed the uniformity and safeness of the answers of the respondents; however, there are
statements that will prove that there is still maltreatment and abuse inside the maximum security unit of the New Bilibid prison such as “takal” or punishment using a “yantok or dos-por-dos”, verbal fights, forced labor and killings.

3. The aggression levels of the inmates affect how they behave inside the prison. The more aggressive they are, the higher tendency they have to get involved with fights and violence. The inmate with the highest level almost got involved into a riot and curses frequently during the interview. He was also observed to be more dominant towards other inmates because he boasts his tattoo as a symbol of superiority.

4. The violence inside the jail can be attributed to the unfavorable conditions of the inmates. The main problem they presented was food deprivation and money. They complain of not having to eat a proper food since they entered the institution. The management also banned groceries that their family usually brings so that they do not need to buy anything inside the maximum compound because the goods are unreasonably expensive. They also confessed about the presence of drugs and alcohol inside the correctional which may have caused violent behaviors and chaos. Social influences was also said to contribute in fights among the inmates as well as personal conflicts that have happened even when they were still outside the institution.
Statement of the Problem

This paper sought to examine the characteristics of violence experienced by the inmates. This encompasses the basic manifestations of aggressive behaviors of the inmates towards each other. The researchers sought to provide answers to the following:

1. What is the profile of the inmates in terms of:
   1.1 Alias
   1.2 Age
   1.3 Civil status
   1.4 Education
   1.5 Occupation before imprisonment
   1.6 Criminal Case
   1.7 Verdict
   1.8 Gang (if any)

2. What are the violent incidents experienced by the inmates?

3. What is the relationship of the inmate’s aggression level to the occurrence of violent incidents inside the prison?

4. What are the factors that contribute to violence among inmates?