

PHILIPPINE JUDICIARY

'Too little, too late': Court convicts 3 henchmen in 1986 slay of unionist Olalia

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(1st UPDATE) A case that crawled through the judicial mill for 35 years, the murdered Rolando Olalia's fellow activists

military which played a role in the EDSA Revolution that deposed dictator Ferdinand Marcos. RAM was later involved in a series of failed coup attempts which destabilized the government of President Corazon Aquino.

“The court is not persuaded by the evidence presented by the accused in their defense. Suffice it to say that defenses of denial and alibi are inconsequential,” said Judge Sordan, giving weight to witnesses who positively identified the three as part of the group who abducted Olalia and Alay-ay and took them to a safehouse to be executed.

The court awarded the heirs of Olalia P1.2 million in damages and the heirs of Alay-ay P900,000 in damages.

As the conviction is subject to appeal, the damages will still not

Perez and Jabatan were only arrested in 2012, and Casanova much later in 2016. This means they would have 31 to 35 years

