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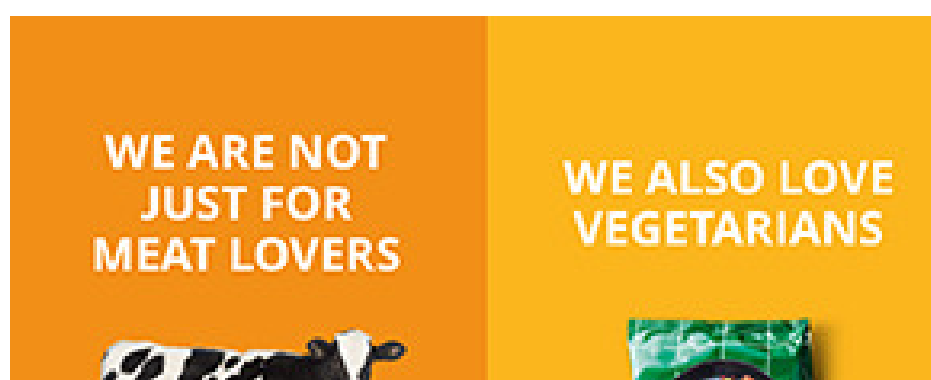


Kilusang Mayo Uno (KMU) members rejoice at the KMU headquarters in Project 3, Quezon City, upon hearing the guilty verdict over the double murder case of labor leader Rolando “Ka Lando” Olalia and Leonor Alay-ay after the decision was promulgated by Antipolo RTC Branch 97 on Tuesday, October 12, 2021. INQUIRER PHOTO / GRIG C. MONTEGRANDE

MANILA, Philippines — An Antipolo City court convicted three soldiers for the 1986 murder of labor leader Rolando Olalia and trade union organizer Leonor Alay-ay, bringing closure to what many saw 35 years ago as a major political crime that tested the Cory Aquino presidency amid the restiveness in the military.

Judge Marie Claire Victoria Mabutas Sordan of the Antipolo Regional Trial Court on Tuesday sentenced to reclusion perpetua ex-Sergeants Fernando Casanova, Dennis Jabatan and Desiderio Perez.

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accountable for their crimes will justice be finally served,” Rolando Rico said.

According to lawyer Edre Olalia, a cousin of the labor leader, two witnesses had earlier claimed that some of the suspects were already killed “because they wanted to squeal.”

“I don’t know where they are,” he said of the witnesses, former Sergeants

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