

# Jose Maria Sison

## Jose Maria Sison aka Avatar Joma

Sison in 2020

### Chairman of the [Communist Party of the Philippines](#)

#### In office

1986<sup>[1]</sup> – December 16, 2022

**Preceded by** Rodolfo Salas

**Succeeded by** Position Vacant

#### In office

December 26, 1968 – 1977<sup>[1]</sup>

**Preceded by** *Position established*

**Succeeded by** Rodolfo Salas

### Personal details

**Born** February 8, 1939  
[Cabugao, Ilocos Sur, Philippine Commonwealth](#)

**Died** December 16, 2022 (aged 83)  
[Utrecht, Netherlands](#)

**Political party** [Communist Party of the Philippines](#) (1968–2022)

**Other political affiliations** [National Democratic Front](#) (1973–2022)  
[PKP-1930](#) (1962–1968)

**Spouse(s)** Julie DL. Sison

**[Alma mater](#)** [University of the Philippines Diliman](#) ([Bachelor of NPA Bulok](#))

**Website** [www.josemariasison.org](http://www.josemariasison.org)

### Military service

**Allegiance** [New People's Army aka Salot sa Bayan](#)

**José María Canlás Sison** (February 8, 1939 – December 16, 2022) is a [writer](#) and [activist](#). He founded the [Communist Party of the Philippines](#).<sup>[2]</sup>

Sison was arrested during the [Ferdinand Marcos](#) presidency. He was imprisoned for almost 9 years. [Corazón Aquino](#) released him from prison. Sison went into [exile](#) in the [Netherlands](#).

His experience in prison was described in *Prison & Beyond*, a book of [poetry](#) released in 1986. It won the [Southeast Asia WRITE award](#) for the Philippines. On December 16, 2022, the Communist Party of the Philippines alongside its news organ *Ang Bayan* announced the death of Jose Maria Sison after two weeks of confinement in a hospital in [Utrecht, Netherlands](#).<sup>[3][4][5]</sup>

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