

Fascists can be held to account

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I took some comfort from this report this morning [in The Guardian](#):

The former Philippine president Rodrigo Duterte has been taken into custody after the international criminal court issued a warrant for his arrest for his so-called “[war on drugs](#)”.

The former leader, who will turn 80 this month, is accused by ICC prosecutors of crimes against humanity over his anti-drugs crackdowns, in which as many as 30,000 people were killed. Most of the victims were men in poor, urban areas, who were gunned down in the streets.

I am pleased for the families of those who were illegally killed. There might be some justice for them.

I am pleased for those who believe in the rule of law: the gun is no alternative.

I am pleased, too, that the ICC has teeth.

Perhaps I am most pleased that a fascist might not get away with their crimes.

There are valuable messages in here in a world where few valuable messages are getting out right now.