

LESSON 12



Pakikinig: 13 Killed in Quezon Shoot-out

Listen to the following 1 minute and 13 seconds audio clip (file name: inter tag lesson 12), an excerpt from a news report in the television news show *Bandila* (Flag). In this report by Gretchen Malalad on January 7, 2013, policemen and soldiers encounter a suspected gun-for-hire group in Quezon province in the Southern Tagalog region. You may also want to watch/hear the complete report at <http://www.abs-cbnnews.com/video/nation/regions/01/07/13/13-killed-quezon-shootout>.

Observe two ways by which English and Tagalog are changed depending on the location of the speakers. First, in the Philippines, English speakers use English words with a slightly different meaning. An example, as used in this audio, is “rub-out,” which means total annihilation of a group of suspected “criminals” by the police, as opposed to a “shoot-out” which refers to an exchange of gunfire (**palitan ng putok [ng baril]**). Another is “salvaging,” which comes from the word “salvage” (to save), but which refers to “extrajudicial killings.”

Second, pay attention to how the witness/interviewee speaks, using Quezon Tagalog, with its own accent. He says: “**Hindi nababa. Bagkus ay pumutok.**” (“*He did not go down [the vehicle]. Instead, he fired.*”)

Review/study these vocabulary words before listening to the audio: **naganap** (happened); **engkuwentro** (encounter); **tumanggi** (refused); **umano** (apparently); **nagtago** (hid); **natagpuan** (found); **sinasangkot** (being implicated); **STL** (small town lottery); **magkasosyo** (business partners); **pinag-iisipan** (thinking about); **hakbang** (steps).

After listening to the audio, answer the following listening comprehension questions:

1. What time did the encounter happen?
2. What happened after the police officers stopped the vehicles?
3. How did the exchange of gunfire start?
4. What did the witness do and why?
5. How were the victims of the shoot-out identified?
6. Who is Victorino Siman and what is the alleged Siman group?
7. What are the relatives (of those who were killed) thinking of doing?