TIRADA

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ABSTRACT

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In the middle of a busy city, a street gang, dubbed as Batang Hamog, prepares for another plan of stealing headed by their notorious leader, Monyo. What motivates the group to do such unlawful act is their loyalty to their master Datu, a prisoner. Though in prison, Datu can get in and out freely as he is treated as an errand boy by the policemen. When he goes out of jail, he takes this as an opportunity to meet his group and sets up plans with them to get big money. Meanwhile, also part of the gang is Elay, a street kid with physical disability. Elay is constantly being ridiculed and laughed at due to his condition. The group gets caught stealing one night. Datu tries to warn them but is unsuccessful.

Tirada, is a story that will give you a glimpse on how gangs operate. It aims to inculcate that putting a stop to the vicious cycle of gangs and the crimes committed will be hard to attain unless primary institutions will start to act effectively and function efficiently. Children involved in gangs are children whose needs are ignored and deprived of education. Since most of these children are minors, they cannot be charged of any criminal act no matter how grave. Syndicates, in turn, used these children to materialize their worldly desires. Hence, the film is also a clamor for the amendment of the law that screens the juveniles. Third Cinema was employed as the framework of the film as it deals with non conventional themes such as violence among children and poverty as major cause of gang membership.

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