

Belmonte vows justice for slain ex-journalist

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Quezon City Mayor Joy Belmonte has condemned the killing of a former tabloid editor in the city earlier this week.

Belmonte vowed justice for Gwenn Salamida as she condoled with the victim's family. Salamida was shot dead during a robbery inside her beauty salon in Barangay Apolonio Samson on Tuesday afternoon.

Her companion, Oliver Perona, survived the attack and is being treated for a gunshot wound at the Quezon City General Hospital.

Reports said the suspect fired at Salamida and Perona when the former editor resisted the heist.

The Quezon City Police District (QCPD) Criminal Investigation and Detection Unit has launched an investigation to identify and arrest the gunman, according to Belmonte.

"Salamida was a beloved member of the media, an honest business owner and an upstanding QCitizen. We condemn her murder," Belmonte said.

She assured the families of the victims that authorities would exert all effort to hunt down the perpetrator of the crime.

Philippine National Police chief Gen. Guillermo Eleazar had ordered the QCPD to identify and apprehend the suspect.

Both the National Press Club and National Union of Journalists of the Philippines condemned the killing.

Salamida was a former editor and operations manager of Remate. She was affiliated with tabloid Saksi Ngayon prior to her death.