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HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 12



Introduced by
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CARLOS ISAGANI T. ZARATE and EUFEMIA C. CULLAMAT,
ACT TEACHERS Party-List Representative FRANCE L. CASTRO,
GABRIELA Women's Party Representative ARLENE D. BROSAS and
KABATAAN Party-List Representative SARAH JANE I. ELAGO**

RESOLUTION
**URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE ON HUMAN
RIGHTS TO CONDEMN AND INVESTIGATE IN AID OF LEGISLATION THE
EXTRA-JUDICIAL KILLINGS OF KARAPATAN STAFF MEMBERS RYAN
HUBILLA AND NELLY BAGASALA IN SORSOGON AND FORMER BAYAN
MUNA BICOL COORDINATOR NEPTALI MORADA IN NAGA CITY,
CAMARINES SUR**

WHEREAS, two human rights defenders were gunned down by unidentified men in Barangay Cabid-an, Sorsogon, on Saturday, June 15;

WHEREAS, according to human rights group Karapatan, the slain workers were Ryan Hubilla and Nelly Bagasala from their Sorsogon staff. Karapatan secretary-general Cristina Palabay said Hubilla was a 22-year-old senior high school student who joined the group in 2016, while Bagasala, 69, became a member in 2006;

WHEREAS, the group said the killing took place inside Seabreeze Homes Subdivision, just around a kilometer away from a police station, at around 8:20 am on Saturday. The perpetrators were riding a motorcycle;

[1] <https://www.rappler.com/nation/233181-karapatan-workers-ryan-hubilla-nelly-bagasala-shot-dead-sorsogon-june-2019>"

[2] <https://www.rappler.com/newsbreak/iq/222796-human-rights-defenders-killed-under-duterte-administration>"

[3] Memorandum Order (MO) No. 32

WHEREAS, Karapatan said the incident came after its workers experienced periodic surveillance supposedly carried out by the military and the police. It added that workers, including Hubilla, were tailed by a gray pickup vehicle and a black motorcycle with no license plates last April 21 at 10 pm after the group escorted lawyer Bart Rayco of the National Union of Peoples' Lawyers for a visit with political prisoners at the Philippine National Police's outpost in Barangay Cabid-an;

WHEREAS, activist Neptali Morada was gunned down at around 7:30 am on Monday, June 17, in Barangay San Isidro, Naga City, Camarines Sur;

WHEREAS, Maria Luisa Calubaquib, regional spokesperson of the Philippine National Police in Bicol, said the victim was driving his motorcycle from Naga City to the provincial capitol in Pili, Camarines Sur, when he was gunned down by unidentified men aboard a white vehicle;

WHEREAS, the victim worked as a staff member of former Camarines Sur vice governor o Peña. He was a former regional head of the political party Bayan Muna, and also served as Bagong Alyansang Makabayan (Bayan) campaign committee head in Camarines Sur;

WHEREAS, Morada is the 3rd activist killed in Bicol in a span of 3 days. On Saturday, June 15, human rights activists were also gunned down in Sorsogon City by unidentified assailants.[1]

WHEREAS, Karapatan along with other progressive groups condemned the killing of the three, saying it was an indication of the [2] in areas where [3] is implemented. MO No. 32 ordered the deployment of more soldiers and police to the Bicol region and the provinces of Samar, Negros Oriental, and Negros Occidental to "suppress lawless violence and acts of terror.";


NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives Committee on Human Rights condemn and investigate in aid of legislation, the extra-judicial killings of Karapatan staff members Ryan Hubilla and Nelly Bagasala in Sorsogon and former Bayan Muna Bicol coordinator Neptali Morada in Naga City, Camarines Sur.

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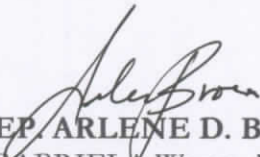
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