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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 201

RESOLUTION

CONDEMNING THE KILLING OF THREE MILITARY ASSETS IN HADJI MUHAMMAD AJUL, BASILAN PROVINCE BY MEMBERS OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE SPECIAL ACTION FORCE (SAF) ON AUGUST 2, 2019, AND DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE AFOREMENTIONED INCIDENT IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH CLEAR MECHANISMS IN CONDUCTING SIMILAR OPERATIONS TO AVOID UNDERMINING PRESENT PEACE AND ORDER EFFORTS

WHEREAS, on August 2, 2019 around 3:30 AM, police and operatives of the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) raided the house of certain Aljan Mande in Sitio Kasanyangan, Barangay Candiis, Town of Hadji Muhammad Ajul, Province of Basilan;

WHEREAS, said raid resulted in the killing of victims Aljan Mande, Jamsid Mande, and Radjak Ammah;

WHEREAS, said operation was conducted absent any coordination with the military unit in- charge of the area according to Army Major Arvin John Encinas, spokesperson of the Western Mindanao Command (WesMinCom);

WHEREAS, the conduct of said operation likewise lacked coordination with the Basilan Provincial Police Director, Police Colonel Rufino Inot;

WHEREAS, the victims voluntarily surrendered to the military some two years ago and then served as assets to the latter by helping curb terrorism in Basilan through the giving of information on the whereabouts of the Abu Sayyaf Group

(ASG) and by encouraging members of the of the ASG to surrender to the folds of law;

WHEREAS, said operation has become detrimental to the efforts of the Provincial Government of Basilan, and the Joint Task Force Basilan in implementing the Program Against Violent Extremism (PAVE) that has been responsible for the surrender and rehabilitation of 216 ASG members;

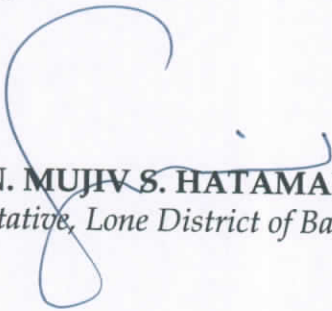
WHEREAS, while police operations are welcomed and supported in order to achieve peace and security, proper coordination should be observed at all times following applicable protocols of the police and military so as not to hamper current peace and security programs;


WHEREAS, the Mamasapano incident of 2015, where lives of both police and civilians were sacrificed, occurred because of lack of coordination between the SAF and other government units;

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives through its Committee on Public Order and Safety is mandated to legislate and pass laws to further establish clear mechanisms that will ensure proper conduct of any police or military operations, in order to prevent similar incidents from happening in the future:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the House of Representatives condemn the killing of three military assets in Hadji Muhammad Ajul, Province of Basilan, and direct the Committee on Public Order and Safety to conduct an investigation in aid of legislation on the circumstances surrounding the aforementioned incident in order to establish clear mechanisms in conducting similar operations to avoid undermining present peace and security efforts.

Adopted,


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