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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
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HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 216

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Introduced by REP. EUFEMIA C. CULLAMAT, CARLOS ISAGANI T. ZARATE and FERDINAND R. GAITE (Bayan Muna Partylist), REP. ARLENE D. BROSAS (Gabriela Women's Party), REP. FRANCE L. CASTRO (ACT Teachers Partylist), and REP. SARAH JANE I. ELAGO (Kabataan Partylist)

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**RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THROUGH THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS, TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE KILLING OF LUMAD FARMER ALEX LACAY IN BRGY. SALAWAGAN, QUEZON, BUKIDNON AND ALL THE KILLINGS IN BUKIDNON**

**WHEREAS**, on August 9, 2019, at around 4:00 P.M., Alex Lacay, a Lumad farmer was shot dead by two (2) armed men in Sitio Pag-asa, Brgy. Salawagan, Quezon, Bukidnon. He was then riding a motorcycle on his way to the market with his companion, Renard Burgos. Lacay's case is the 12th recorded incident of extra-judicial killings in the Province of Bukidnon;

**WHEREAS**, Alex Lacay is an active member of Kaugalingong Sistema Igpapasindog to Lumadnong Ogpaan (KASILO), a lumad organization in Quezon, Bukidnon and a local chapter of the Kalumbay Regional Lumad Organization. KASILO is in the forefront of defending ancestral lands and asserting indigenous people's right to self-determination in the province of Bukidnon;

**WHEREAS**, prior to Lacay's killing, there has been a spate of attacks against the lumads and their support groups in Bukidnon and the entire Mindanao. On August 1, Guillermo Casas, a farmer and member of Kasama-Bukidnon was also shot dead by masked gunmen. Kasama-Bukidnon is farmer's organization affiliated with Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas (KMP). Casas and his companion, Jocelyn Laurete were in a store when the assailants shot him at close range. Laurete also sustained gunshot wounds from the attack;

**WHEREAS**, last June 16, 57-year old Liovigildo "Nonoy" Palma, another active member of Kasama-Bukidnon was gunned down by motorcycle-riding gunmen outside his house in Sitio Malambago, Brgy. Halapitan, San Fernando, Bukidnon. Local residents identified one of the gunmen as a member of paramilitary group Alamara;

**WHEREAS**, last July 6, at around 6:30 a.m., farmer Joel Anino was also shot dead in his home in San Fernando town, Bukidnon by unidentified gunmen;

**WHEREAS**, last July 8, Datu Mario Agsab, was also shot dead in his home at Sitio Mainaga, Brgy. Iba, Cabanglasan, Bukidnon at around 7:00 am by suspected members of paramilitary group Alamara and CAFGU members under the 8th Infantry Batallion. Agsab was an active leader of Lumad organization PIGYAYUNGA-AN, a local chapter of Kalumbay Regional Lumad Organization in Cabanglasan, Bukidnon;

**WHEREAS**, there has been a total of 12 killings of members of progressive organizations, particularly lumad and peasants, in Bukidnon since the start of 2019;

**WHEREAS**, these attacks on peasant and lumad communities, particularly in Bukidnon, are clear affront on the basic rights of our people, and, Congress as an institution, should not just ignore the same;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the House of Representatives, through its Committee on Human Rights, investigate, in aid of legislation, the shooting of Lumad farmer Alex Lacay in Brgy. Salawagan, Quezon, Bukidnon and all the other attacks and killings of lumads, farmers who are members of progressive organizations in Bukidnon.

*Adopted,*

  
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