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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 274



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Introduced by **BAYAN MUNA Party-List**
Representatives EUFEMIA C. CULLAMAT, CARLOS ISAGANI T. ZARATE, and
FERDINAND R. GAITE

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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 LEADER, BAI LEAH
TUMBALANG, IN VALENCIA CITY, BUKIDNON AND THE PERSISTENCE OF
KILLINGS IN BUKIDNON**

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WHEREAS, On August 23, 2019, at around 3:00 in the afternoon, Bai Leah Tumbalang, a Lumad leader of the indigenous peasant organization, Kaugalingong Sistema Igpapasindog tu Lumadnong Ogpaan (KASILO), and a Bayan Muna Party-List organizer, was shot by one of two (2) men riding a red XRM motorcycle in Valencia City, Bukidnon. She was shot to the forehead, which caused her immediate death;

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WHEREAS, as a lumad leader, Bai Leah Tumbalang was an active and staunch defender of their ancestral lands and in the assertion of the indigenous people's right to self-determination;

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WHEREAS, her assassination was the latest in the spate of attacks against the lumads and their support groups in Bukidnon and the entire Mindanao. On August 11, 2019, Jeffrey Bayot, also a member of KASILO, was shot dead in Brgy. Bongbungan, Quezon, Bukidnon;

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WHEREAS, on August 9, 2019, Alex Lacay, another lumad farmer and member of KASILO, was also shot dead by two (2) armed gunmen in Sitio Pag-asa, Brgy. Salawagan, Quezon, Bukidnon. He was riding a motorcycle on his way to the market with his companion, Renard Burgos.

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WHEREAS, on August 1, Guillermo Casas, a farmer and member of Kasama-Bukidnon, was also shot dead by masked gunmen. Kasama-Bukidnon is another farmer's organization affiliated with the militant Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas (KMP). Casas and his companion, Jocelyn Laurete, were in a store when a gunman shot them at close range. Laurete, who also sustained gunshot wounds, survived the attack;

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WHEREAS, on August 3 in the evening, former Radyo Lumad station manager Kristin Lim, was confronted and harrassed by members of the army's 1st Special Forces of the Armed Forces of the Philippines. They parked a military truck in front of her residence in Damilag,

44 Manolo Fortich, Bukidnon and invited Lim for an investigation. Radyo Lumad is a community
45 radio program that features the issues of lumad communities.

46 **WHEREAS**, on June 16, 57-year old Liovigildo “Nonoy” Palma, another active member of
47 Kasama-Bukidnon, was gunned down by armed men on a motorcycle outside his house in Sitio
48 Malambago, Brgy. Halapitan, San Fernando, Bukidnon. One of the gunmen was identified as a
49 member of paramilitary group Alamara.

50 **WHEREAS**, on July 8, at around 7:00 AM, Datu Mario Agsab, was shot dead by suspected
51 members of paramilitary group Alamara with CAFGU members under the army’s 8th Infantry
52 Batallion in his home at Sitio Mainaga, Brgy. Iba, Cabanglasan, Bukidnon. Datu Mario was an
53 active leader of PIGYAYUNGA-AN, a local chapter of the Kalumbay Regional Lumad
54 Organization in Cabanglasan, Bukidnon.

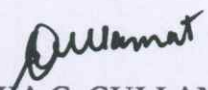
55 **WHEREAS**, on July 6, farmer Joel Anino was shot in his home in San Fernando town,
56 Bukidnon by unidentified gunmen. He later died at the Malaybalay General Hospital;

57 **WHEREAS**, Bai Leah Tumbalang’s death is the 14th recorded incident of extra-judicial
58 killings against lumads, farmers, and members of progressive organizations in the province of
59 Bukidnon since the start of 2019;


60 **WHEREAS**, as representatives of the people, members of Congress should not allow these
61 wanton violation of the rights of our people, particularly the right to life, as well as the right of
62 our indigenous peoples to defend their ancestral lands and assert their right to self determination.
63 Congress should call an end to these vicious attacks;

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65 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the House of Representatives, through its
66 Committee on Human Rights, investigate, in aid of legislation, the shooting of lumad leader Bai
67 Leah Tumbalang in Valencia City, Bukidnon and all the other attacks and cases of extrajudicial
68 killings against lumads, farmers and members of progressive organizations in the province of
69 Bukidnon.

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