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Introduced by Representative Ron P. Salo

RESOLUTION
URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED ILLEGAL SEARCH, SEIZURE AND ARREST OF OUR MUSLIM BROTHERS IN SAN ANDRES BUKID, MANILA AND THE ALLEGED ROBBERY AND PLANTING OF EVIDENCE AGAINST THE VICTIMS BY MEMBERS OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE, AS WELL AS INVESTIGATION OF OTHER SIMILAR INCIDENTS

WHEREAS, as the country celebrated its 122nd Independence Day on June 12, 2020, two of our Muslim brothers were arrested by the members of the Philippine National Police (PNP), at around three o’clock in the afternoon by six (6) members of the PNP Manila Police District (MPD) Station 5, led by PSupt. Ariel Cabarle Caramoan;

WHEREAS, based on reports, the police officers went to the house of the victims at Amastita, San Andres Bukid, Manila, and without properly identifying themselves and absent any search warrant, they allegedly barged into the victims’ house;

WHEREAS, the victims who are reported to be jewelers, claim that the police officers immediately proceeded to the second floor looking for money and jewelry;

WHEREAS, failing to find the subject items, the victims were brought downstairs and without any witness, continued their search inside the premises where they allegedly recovered illegal drugs;

WHEREAS, on account of these alleged planted evidence, the victims, namely Abdullah Palawan Maute and Saadudin Alawiya were arrested and detained at the MPD Station 5;

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 2 of the 1987 Constitution guarantees the inviolability of our people’s right to be “secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures of whatever nature and for any purpose” except only “upon probable cause to be determined personally by the judge after examination under oath or affirmation of the complainant and the witnesses he
may produce, and particularly describing the place to be searched and the persons or things to be seized”;

WHEREAS, considering that the allegations that the main purpose of the police officers was to rob the victims of their cash and jewelry and that the illegal drugs allegedly recovered are claimed to have been "planted" are so grave and condemnable, it is necessary that an investigation by the Committees on Human Rights and the Public Order and Safety be conducted to ensure that appropriate legislations, if necessary, can be crafted to protect the rights of our people against rogue members of the PNP and to support the PNP leadership in ridding out scalawags that tarnish the institution’s reputation;

WHEREAS, after this representation issued a statement condemning the alleged violation of the victims’ constitutional rights, safety and security, certain individuals who claim to have been victims of similar modus operandi by rogue members of the PNP sent messages requesting for assistance;

WHEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the House of Representatives, through the Committee on Human Rights and the Committee on Public Order and Safety, conduct an investigation, in aid of legislation, on the alleged illegal search, seizure, and arrest of our Muslim brothers, Abdullah Palawan Maute and Saadudin Alawiya at Amastita, San Andres Bukid, Manila; and the alleged attempted robbery and planting of evidence by the members of the Manila Police District; and

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that similar incidents of alleged robbery and planting of evidence by rogue members of the Philippine National Police be also investigated.

Adopted,

RON P. SALO
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