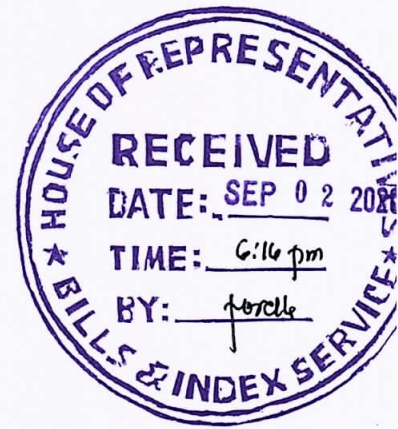




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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1183



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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY AND THE COMMITTEE ON MUSLIM AFFAIRS TO CONDUCT A JOINT INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT OF POLICEMEN IN THE MASSACRE OF NINE MORO FARMERS IN KABACAN, NORTH COTABATO, NOONTIME OF AUGUST 29

WHEREAS, the killing of nine Muslim farmers in Kabacan, North Cotabato has sparked outrage among Muslim communities, after initial investigations revealed that the victims were allegedly executed, and not killed in a shootout;

WHEREAS, at around 12:20 p.m. of August 29, nine people were killed in what authorities initially reported was a shootout between feuding clans, or locally known as a *Rido*. Eight of the victims were killed on the spot, while the other one expired around 4:00 p.m. at a local hospital. All of them were farmers, according to the police report.

WHEREAS, but police report later disclosed that there was no firefight as the victims were allegedly gunned down after they were waylaid by unidentified gunmen along the road inside the University of Southern Mindanao (USM). Major Peter Pinalgan Jr., Kabacan town police chief, said the victims were strafed while standing by the roadside along Aringay Road inside the state-run University of Southern Mindanao campus.

WHEREAS, according to an article published at the Mindanews on September 1, 2020, the Regional Director of the Commission of Human Rights in Region 12 (CHR-12), said that based on a "dying declaration" of one of the victims, policemen were involved in the August 29 noontime massacre of nine Moro farmers in Kabacan, North Cotabato. The relatives of the ninth victim told CHR-12 investigators before he died in the hospital that policemen stopped and shot them;

WHEREAS, the recurrence of reports of alleged illegal practices committed by law enforcement agencies especially affecting the Muslim population has become alarming and leads the people to believe that these are systematic and institutional failures, requiring a comprehensive review of the existing criminal justice system and law enforcement procedures and protocols being implemented in the country;

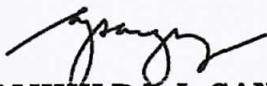
WHEREAS, allegations that PNP personnel are involved in nefarious activities especially the killing of innocent people, should never be condoned, hence, an investigation is necessary to determine the circumstances leading to these senseless activities in order for Congress to legislate remedial measures to ensure that the Constitutional rights of the people are protected and that law offenders are prosecuted: Now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives, to direct the Committee on Public Order and Safety and Committee on Muslim Affairs to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the alleged involvement of policemen in the August 29 noontime massacre of nine Moro Farmers in Kabacan, North Cotabato

Adopted.



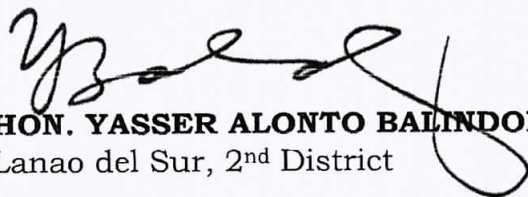
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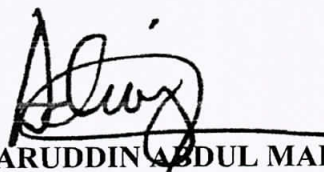
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