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HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 1188

Introduced by
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GABRIELA Women's Party Representative ARLENE D. BROSAS,
ACT TEACHERS Party-List Representative FRANCIS L. CASTRO,
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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO INVESTIGATE, IN
AID OF LEGISLATION, THE KILLINGS OF NINE (9)
MORO FARMERS NEAR THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MINDANAO (USM)
MAIN CAMPUS IN KABACAN, COTABATO

WHEREAS, on 29 August 2020, at around 12:20pm, nine (9) Moro farmers were shot by at least
five (5) unidentified armed persons near a granary along Aringay Road within the University of
Southern Mindanao (USM) campus in Kabacan, Cotabato Province;

WHEREAS, 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 USM campus; the suspects
used high powered firearms like M-16 Armalite rifle, Carbine rifle and caliber .45 pistol based on
the empty shells found in the crime scene;

WHEREAS, the victims were identified as Nasurdin Kalilangan, 41, and Romeo Balatamay Pioto,
38, both from Brgy. Aringay in Kabacan; Sandigan Zailon, 46, of Brgy. Osias, Kabacan; Zaiden
Musaed, 21, of Brgy. Basagen, Aleosan; Datu Fahad Dimanalao Mandigan, 24, of Sitio Abpa, Brgy.
Kayaga, Kabacan; Budsal Lipusan, of Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao; Benladin Dimanalao, 19,
of Brgy. Peptad, Kabacan; Esmael Pagayon, 17 and Nasher Guiaman, 16 years old, both from
Brgy. Buluan, Kabacan;

WHEREAS, on 1 September 2020, the Commission on Human Rights confirmed that the
massacre of the Kabacan 9, had, indeed, been perpetrated by members of the local police force,
and, therefore, considered extra-judicial killings. The confirmation came from the dying
declaration of one of the victims who had managed to give his testimony before he died;

WHEREAS, this Kabacan Massacre took place just three (3) days after Mindanao Interfaith
Services Foundation Inc. (MISFI) Academy was left in ruins by approximately 50 members of the
paramilitary group Bagani in Bukidnon and six days after another Manobo leader who stood
against development aggression, Bac Milda Ansado, was shot dead in Magpet town, her throat
slashed and eyes removed;
WHEREAS, in light of the attacks against national minorities, it is imperative that an independent and thorough probe will be made to ensure that all the perpetrators are held accountable for their brutal crimes and for all the victims to attain justice;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Committee on Human Rights to conduct an investigation, in aid of legislation, on the killing of nine (9) moro farmers in near the University of Southern Mindanao (USM) main campus in Kabacan, Cotabato Province.

Adopted,

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