

1 Republic of the Philippines  
2 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
3 Quezon City

4 EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS  
5 First Regular Session

6 HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 287



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11 Introduced by  
12 BAYAN MUNA Party-list Representatives EUFEMIA C. CULLAMAT,  
13 CARLOS ISAGANI T. ZARATE and FERDINAND R. GAITE,  
14 Gabriela Women's Party Representative ARLENE D. BROSAS,  
15 ACT Teachers' Party-list Representative FRANCE L. CASTRO, and  
16 Kabataan Party-list Representative SARAH JANE I. ELAGO  
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19 RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THROUGH  
20 THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS, TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION,  
21 IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE MILITARY ENCAMPMENT OF CIVILIAN  
22 FACILITIES AND HOMES BY THE ARMY'S 9<sup>TH</sup> SPECIAL FORCES AND THE  
23 26<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY BATTALLION IN THE LUMAD COMMUNITY IN  
24 BRGY. DIATAGON, LIANGA, SURIGAO DEL SUR

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26 WHEREAS, on August 16, 2019, at 5 o'clock in the morning, around 100 soldiers from the  
27 army's 9<sup>th</sup> Special Forces and 26<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion Philippine Army arrived at the Lumad  
28 Community in Sitio Simowao, Brgy. Diatagon, Lianga, Surigao del Sur. They immediately  
29 occupied the community clinic, corn mill and residents' homes;

30 WHEREAS, a certain Lt. Bacaso from the 26<sup>th</sup> IB announced that they were supposedly there  
31 to conduct a "Community Support Program" and that they would be staying in the area for an  
32 indefinite period;

33 WHEREAS, on August 17, 2019, in a dialogue between the soldiers and Lumad residents,  
34 Lumad leaders from the community expressed their disagreement or objection with the said  
35 Community Support Program, citing the negative impact it would have on their livelihood.  
36 They can no longer freely visit their farms to harvest their crops for fear of being interrogated,  
37 threatened, or, even charged as rebels and shot by the military;

38 WHEREAS, despite the community's strong objection, the military refused to leave the  
39 community. They have remained encamped in civilian facilities and occupying the residents'  
40 homes;

41 WHEREAS, it can be recalled that in January 24, 2019, two (2) Lumad farmers Randel Gallego  
42 and Emel Tejero, from a neighboring Lumad community, were shot dead by the 36<sup>th</sup> IB while  
43 they were hauling abaca hemp in the community's farm areas. They were then presented by the  
44 military as members of the New People's Army;

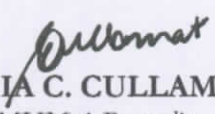
45 **WHEREAS**, the military's occupation of civilian facilities and residences of the lumad  
46 community - who did not give their consent, as they in fact strongly objected it - is a violation  
47 not only of the indigenous people's right to Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC), but, also  
48 of established human rights and international humanitarian laws. Specifically, the military's  
49 encampment in civilian facilities and homes is a violation also of Republic Act 7610 or the  
50 *Special Protection of Children against Abuse, Exploitation, and Discrimination Act*, Republic Act 9851 or  
51 the *Philippine Act on Crimes against International Humanitarian Law, Genocide, and other Crimes against*  
52 *Humanity*, and the Comprehensive Agreement on Respect for Human Rights and International  
53 Humanitarian Law;

54 **WHEREAS**, this recent military occupation of civilian facilities and residences in the lumad  
55 communities of Lianga, Surigao del Sur, Caraga Region is a clear affront on the basic rights of  
56 our indigenous people, and, Congress as an institution, should ensure that such affront be  
57 stopped;


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59 **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the House of Representatives, through the  
60 Committee on Human Rights, to conduct an investigation, in aid of legislation, on the military  
61 encampment of civilian facilities and homes by the army's 9<sup>th</sup> Special Forces and the 26<sup>th</sup> Infantry  
62 Battalion in the Lumad community in Brgy. Diatagon, Lianga, Surigao del Sur.  
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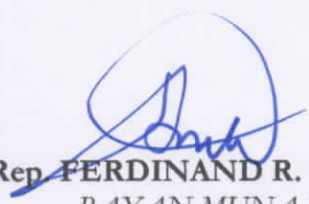
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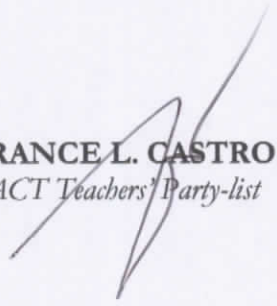
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