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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
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**EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS**  
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**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1969**



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Introduced by Honorable Representatives

**ARLENE D. BROSAS (Gabriela Women's Party);  
CARLOS ISAGANI T. ZARATE, FERDINAND R. GAITE, EUFEMIA C. CULLAMAT (Bayan Muna);  
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**RESOLUTION URGING HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND CHILDREN TO CONDUCT AN  
INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON SEVERAL CASES OF POLICE-PERPETRATED  
VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN**

**WHEREAS**, numerous cases of police brutality and abuses against women and children have been reported amid pandemic and stringent lockdown;

**WHEREAS**, on June 2020, Fabel Pineda, a 15-year-old girl, and her cousin Bernadette Saniatan were arrested for allegedly violating curfew hours. While in the custody of two policemen, Pineda was sexually molested while Saniatan was raped. After filing a complaint in the police station against the two police officers who abused them, Pineda was gunned down and shot several times on her way home;

**WHEREAS**, on September 25, 2020, Kawit police Chief Major Gabriel Unay and 5 other policemen illegally arrested a woman named Dana Jamon. Based on the CCTV footage, the operatives forcibly entered Jamon's house and she was dragged by her hair in front of her children;

**WHEREAS**, on December 20, 2020, Sonya Gregorio, 52, and her son Frank Anthony Gregorio, 25, were gunned down and slain at close range by Police Senior Master Sergeant Jonel Nuezca in Tarlac province;

**WHEREAS**, as shown in the recorded video of the incident, before killing Sonia and her son, Nuezca yelled, "Putang ina mo! Gusto mo tapusin kita ngayon ah?";

**WHEREAS**, on May 23, 2021, in Valenzuela City, a police officer killed Edwin Arnigo, an 18-year-old man who has autism. Police authorities said that he was part of an illegal cockfighting and was later involved in a scuffle. However, according to his family, Edwin just bought ice candy in a sari-sari store outside their house when his family heard a gunshot. An eyewitness also stated that Edwin was killed in a different place and his body was just hauled near the cockfighting area. He was declared dead on arrival at the hospital;

**WHEREAS**, on May 31, 2021, Police Master Sergeant Hensie Zinampan shot and killed Lilybeth Valdez, a 52-year-old woman, in Fairview, Quezon City. The drunk police officer approached the woman, who was buying something in a nearby store, and pulled her hair before shooting her in the neck;

**WHEREAS**, on June 16, Johny Maglante, 16 years old, and his companion, Antonio Dalit, were slain during an anti-drug operation in Biñan, Laguna. Police claimed that the two exchanged gunfire with them. Maglante allegedly resisted the police officers. However, according to the narrative of Maglante's relatives, Dalit was gunned down first. Since Maglante witnessed the homicide, the police shot him while handcuffed and facing downward;

**WHEREAS**, Fatou Bensouda, former ICC chief prosecutor, declared that the war on drugs of President Rodrigo Duterte has "a reasonable basis to believe that the crime against humanity of murder had been committed";

**WHEREAS**, official figures show that at least 6,039 people have been killed during war on drugs operations. However, human rights groups have a higher estimate on the death toll. According to them, at least 27,000 to 30,000 have been killed in the guise of eradicating drugs. This includes vigilante-style killings;

**WHEREAS**, General Debold Sinas, who was known for his mañanita party, retired as Philippine National Chief on May 8. He stepped down without any accountability for his abuse of power and series of police operations, raids, and killings;

**WHEREAS**, cases of police-perpetrated violence against women and children have risen especially during the pandemic. Moreover, they always use the *nanlaban* narrative to defend the war on drugs and to justify their killings. Thus, they always resort to violence and abuse of power;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the House Committee on Women and Children conduct an investigation, in aid of legislation, on several cases of police-perpetrated violence against women and children.

Adopted,

  
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