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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2197



Introduced by Honorable Representatives

ARLENE D. BROSAS (Gabriela Women's Party);
CARLOS ISAGANI T. ZARATE, FERDINAND R. GAITE, EUFEMIA C. CULLAMAT (Bayan Muna);
FRANCE L. CASTRO (ACT Teachers Partylist); and SARAH JANE I. ELAGO (Kabataan Partylist)

RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO IMMEDIATELY INVESTIGATE AND CONDEMN, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE KILLING OF PEASANT WOMAN AND LEADER VENERANDA "DIDANG" GINANAO IN MARAMAG, BUKIDNON

WHEREAS, on August 19, peasant woman and leader Veneranda 'Didang' Ginanao was killed after her house in Purok 5, Musuan, Maramag in Bukidnon was strafed by armed men suspected to be state forces from the 89th IBPA. Ginanao's spouse and son also suffered injury;

WHEREAS, the detachment camp of 89th Infantry Battalion Philippine Army is only four kilometers away from the farmers' collective farm;

WHEREAS, Ginanao actively fought for the land she is tilling. She is a local leader of peasant women's organization Amihan National Federation of Peasant Women. His husband, Ricardo Ginanao, is also a member of peasant organization KASAMA Bukidnon;

WHEREAS, KASAMA Bukidnon is the provincial chapter of Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas and an affiliate organization of Anakpawis Party-list;

WHEREAS, the couple is also members of the BUFFALO-TAMARAW-LIMUS (BTL) or the peasant group asserting their rights on agricultural lands claimed by the Central Mindanao University (CMU). In 2017, it held its caravan and camp-out outside the office of the Department of Agrarian Reform to push its right to the land;

WHEREAS, in 2020, the CMU administration deceived BTL farmers to sign a Memorandum of Agreement that seeks to support the Whole-of-Nation Approach and EO No. 70 of the Duterte Administration. Due to the constant harassment of the CMU administration and the military, the farmers were forced to sign the agreement;

WHEREAS, the farmers have constructed a collective farm on the 500-hectare portion of CMU. Thus, the CMU wants the farmers to abandon it so they could lease it to multinational corporations and agribusiness plantations;

WHEREAS, Ginanao is the 45th peasant woman victim of extra-judicial killing under the Duterte administration;

WHEREAS, it is necessary for members of Congress, as representatives of the people, to defend the rights of the people and to investigate violations, especially in this time of crisis. It must hold perpetrators accountable. Laws and rules should serve the interest of the people, and should not be weaponized to suppress their rights and oppress them;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the House Committee on Human Rights immediately investigate and condemn, in aid of legislation, the killing of peasant woman and leader Veneranda “Didang” Ginanao in Maramag, Bukidnon.

Adopted,



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