

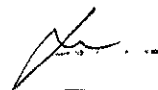
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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE RELIABILITY AND SAFETY OF AIRCRAFTS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP) AND EXISTING POLICIES REGARDING THEIR USE

Whereas, It is a policy of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) that flights of aircrafts must be in tandem whenever the flight is long and requires flying over mountainous and insurgent infested areas;

Whereas, It is also a policy of the AFP that there are restrictions in the time of flights of its aircrafts especially when these would involve flying over mountainous areas where cloud cover is known to change suddenly;

Whereas, All pilots of the PAF are aware of these policies and it is therefore puzzling that the Bell Helicopter that recently crashed in the mountains of Ifugao flew apparently in violation of these policies;

Whereas, While the Philippine Air Force (PAF) has administrative supervision and control of the 250th Presidential Wing, operational control of said wing is under the Presidential Security Group (PSG), the Wing Commander, or the Presidential Management Staff;

Whereas, The safety of the President and other high officials is of paramount concern to the Presidential Wing in order to ensure the political stability of the country;

Whereas, This requires that the Presidential Wing be provided with reliable aircraft equipped with reliable communications and avionics, well-trained pilots and clear policies on the utilization of its aircrafts; *Now Therefore, Be It Resolved, As It Is Hereby Resolved,*

By The Senate, To Direct The Senate Committee on National Defense and Security To Conduct An Inquiry, In Aid Of Legislation, On The Reliability And Safety Of Aircrafts Of The Armed Forces Of The Philippines (AFP) And Existing Policies Regarding Their Use

Adopted,



RODOLFO G. BIAZON
Senator