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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN
AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED PLAN BY THE PHILIPPINE
NATIONAL POLICE TO ESTABLISH DETENTION CENTERS FOR SUSPECTED
TERRORISTS

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 9 states, "The State shall promote a just and dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment, a rising standard of living, and an improved quality of life for all";

WHEREAS, on 19 May 2014, the *Manila Bulletin* reported that Philippine National Police Chief Alan Purisima urged member-countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) to initiate the establishment of detention centers solely for arrested terror suspects in their respective countries among them;

WHEREAS, Purisima reportedly said that the proposal cropped up during the recent discussion in the 34th meeting of police chiefs in ASEAN in Pasay City;

WHEREAS, it was reported that the goal of such facility is to prevent terror suspects from spreading radical ideas in violation of the laws and policies of the countries where terrorists and syndicates operate;

WHEREAS, in the Philippines, arrested terror criminals like members of the Abu Sayyaf Group-- known to have links with the Southeast Asia regional terror group Jemaah Islamiyah which has Indonesian and Malaysian members—are detained in a maximum police security detention cell in Taguig City;

WHEREAS, Director Purisima reportedly said that the plan to set up detention cells for terrorists is already included in the Joint Communique signed by the heads of police forces in Southeast Asia, collectively known as ASEANAPOL;"

WHEREAS, it was reported that the Joint Communique of the ASEANAPOL called on all members to reinforce cooperation in preventing and suppressing terrorist activities by implementing strategies in the detection, deterrence, rehabilitation, reorientation, counter-radicalization, de-radicalization and community engagement;

WHEREAS, Congress should investigate whether this initiative is consonant with the Constitution and other laws of the land, and whether to formulate a new law or amend existing laws in order to address the issue of detaining terror suspects;

WHEREAS, Congress should investigate the issue vis-à-vis concerns regarding not only national security but also the present state of the country's detention centers and correctional facilities;

WHEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct the proper committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the reported plan by the Philippine national police to establish a detention centers for suspected terrorists.

Adopted,

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