


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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 DISCOVERIES AND RECOVERIES OF  
CRASHED DRONES, ALLEGEDLY OWNED BY THE U.S. NAVY, WHICH HAVE BEEN  
FOUND IN DIFFERENT TERRITORIAL SEAS OF THE PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 7 provides: "The State shall pursue an independent foreign policy. In its relations with other states, the paramount consideration shall be national sovereignty, territorial integrity, national interest, and the right to self-determination";

WHEREAS, on 8 January 2013, the Philippine Daily Inquirer reported that a 4-meter-long, US-made unmanned aerial vehicle, also called as drone, has been recovered by fishermen in the waters off San Jacinto town on Ticao Island in Masbate;

WHEREAS, the reported drone allegedly has a model number BQM-74E Chukar III, which according to the website of its manufacture Northrop Grumman, is a turbojet-powered aerial target with high performance capabilities;

WHEREAS, in the same report, Tina Malone, a spokesperson of the U.S. Embassy in Manila, reportedly said that they are aware of reports that an apparently US-made unmanned aerial vehicle was recovered in the waters off Masbate;

WHEREAS, two years thereafter, on 5 January 2015, the Philippine Daily Inquirer reported that a US Navy drone, which is believed to have crashed or malfunctioned, was found in the island town of Patnanungan, Quezon;

WHEREAS, the report alleged that the drone bearing serial number BQ55079 bore the stars and stripes insignia of the US Navy;

WHEREAS, on 27 January 2015, days after the Patnanungan discovery, the Philippine Daily Inquirer reported that another drone believed to be owned by the United States military was found by fishermen about a kilometer from the coastline of Sition Nangaramoan in Barangay San Vicente on January 21;

WHEREAS, the report claimed that officials and residents in the coastal town of Santa Ana in Cagayan province have raised concern over their security and privacy following the recovery of the wreckage;

WHEREAS, according to the website of its manufacturer Northrop Grumman which provides specifications on the product, these drones have capabilities to fly as high as the altitude of an airplane flying on domestic routes;

WHEREAS, US Embassy spokesperson Kurt Hoyer reportedly said that the drone found in Santa Ana, Cagayan appears to be the same type used by the US military in the exercises off of Guam last September;

WHEREAS, the spokesperson further stated that the aerial target does not carry weapons and is not used for surveillance, but is used by surface ships and aircraft during exercises to help train their sailors in a realistic environment that provides the best possible training;

WHEREAS, the spokesperson of the U.S. Embassy in Manila reportedly said that all aerial operations in the exercise were conducted in international airspace or with appropriate coordination and approval in Guam airspace;

WHEREAS, there is a need a need to examine if the Philippine sovereignty has been violated with the occurrence of such crashed drones that has been mostly found in seas;

WHEREAS, there is likewise a need to ensure that the internal security of the Philippines and its peoples are protected, its safety ensured, and the integrity of the country as a sovereign state must be upheld through the formulation of international policies in dealing with foreign allies;

WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct the proper committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the reported discoveries and recoveries of crashed drones, allegedly owned by the U.S. Navy, which have been found in different territorial seas of the Philippines.

Adopted,

  
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