

SENATE

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**RESOLUTION**

**DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND ILLEGAL DRUGS TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE ATTEMPTED JAIL BREAKOUT OF TEN ABU SAYYAF GROUP MEMBERS IN CAMP BAGONG DIWA IN BICUTAN, TAGUIG CITY ON MARCH 14, 2005, WITH THE END VIEW OF DETERMINING THE BUREAU OF JAIL MANAGEMENT AND PENOLOGY'S COMPETENCE AND PREPAREDNESS IN SUCH INCIDENT AND RECOMMENDING POLICY MEASURES TO PREVENT SIMILAR INCIDENT IN THE FUTURE**

**Whereas**, on March 14, 2005, at around 6:45 am, a group of 10 Abu Sayyaf members attempted to escape from Camp Bagong Diwa in Bicutan Taguig City, repeatedly causing a casualty of three jail guards and twenty-three members of Abu Sayyaf including Commander Kosovo, Commander Global, Muklis Yunos and Commander Robot;

**Whereas**, the Abu Sayyaf members seized three .45 caliber from the guards who conducted a headcount for the detainees in the Special Intensive Care Area (SICA) of Camp Bagong Diwa;

**Whereas**, this is not the first time that a jail breakout was initiated by Abu Sayyaf detainees in Camp Bagong Diwa. In 2003, two Abu Sayyaf group members, Omar and Eding Saylani have managed to escape from Camp Bagong Diwa;

**Whereas**, the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology have long been warned by the Abu Sayyaf's plot of breaking out from the jail but have not acted upon the tip that was provided to them;

**Whereas**, the named detainees who are responsible for the attempted jail breakout as having been identified by authorities, who are now deceased, are considered 'high profile terrorists' and so therefore extreme form of security should have been applied;

**Whereas**, the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology have long been warned by the Abu Sayyaf's plot of breaking out from the jail but have not acted upon the warning that was provided to them;

**Whereas**, the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology is created to address the growing concern of jail management and penology problem and is considered one of the pillars of the Criminal Justice System. However, this event proves just how lax the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology is in the exercise of their duties and responsibilities particularly with respect to jail security and custody of prisoners;

Now, therefore, **BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, to direct the Committee on Public Order and Illegal Drugs to conduct an investigation, in aid of legislation, into the attempted jail breakout of ten Abu Sayyaf group members in Camp Bagong Diwa in Bicutan, Taguig City on March 14, 2005, with the end view of determining the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology's competence and preparedness in such incident and recommending policy measures to prevent similar incident in the future.

Adopted,



**MANUEL B. VILLAR, JR.**  
Senator