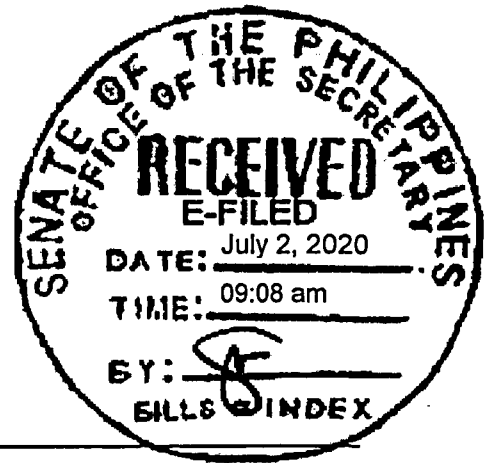


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**RESOLUTION**  
**CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION INTO THE**  
**SHOOTING OF FOUR SOLDIERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE**  
**PHILIPPINES (AFP) BY PERSONNEL OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL**  
**POLICE (PNP) WITH THE END IN VIEW OF INSTITUTIONALIZING**  
**MEASURES AGAINST THE EXCESSIVE USE OF FORCE AND VIOLENCE**  
**WITHIN THE POLICE FORCE**

**WHEREAS**, on June 29, 2020, police officers shot and killed four (4) soldiers of the Armed Forces of the Philippines in Jolo, Sulu;

**WHEREAS**, the fallen soldiers were Major Marvin Indammog (39), Captain Irwin Managuelod (33), Sergeant Jaime Velasco (38), Corporal Abdal Asula – all from the Army's 9th intelligence service unit who were tracking terrorist activity in the area<sup>1</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, AFP Western Mindanao Command Chief Cirilito Sobejana said that the soldiers were merely "doing their work" aboard their Montero SUV when they were "fired upon" by the Sulu police personnel – prompting AFP Lieutenant General Gilbert Gapay, commanding general of the army to describe the encounter as 'murder' and a 'rubout'<sup>2</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, according to Philippine Army spokesperson Colonel Ramon Zagala, Major Indammog was shot despite holding his empty hands up in a gesture of peace and surrender, Captain Managuelod was working on his laptop inside the SUV at the moment of his death, and none of the AFP personnel fired a single shot<sup>3</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, Colonel Zagala also revealed that the roughly nine police officers who shot at the soldiers fled the scene instead of cordoning off the area and calling

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<sup>1</sup><https://www.rappler.com/nation/265275-afp-says-no-exchange-fire-police-shot-intel-soldiers-jolo-incident>

<sup>2</sup><https://www.rappler.com/nation/265338-it-was-murder-army-bares-details-jolo-rubout-4-soldiers>

<sup>3</sup><https://www.rappler.com/nation/265394-afp-backs-army-chief-murder-claim-sulu>

for Scene of the Crime Operatives (SOCO);

**WHEREAS**, according to the version of the PNP, Jolo municipal cops and a member of the Sulu Provincial Drug Enforcement Unit spotted a gray Montero SUV with 4 men on board and, their suspicions aroused, asked them to verify their identities at the Jolo Police Station<sup>4</sup>;

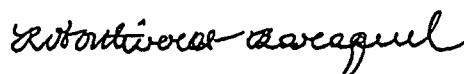
**WHEREAS**, a car chase allegedly ensued and the soldiers fired at the police officers, forcing the latter to open fire;

**WHEREAS**, only two months earlier, police personnel fatally shot a mentally-ill former soldier, Winston Ragos<sup>5</sup>, and the results of the investigation conducted by the National Bureau of Immigration (NBI) showed that Ragos did not have a gun in his possession<sup>6</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, while the PNP and the AFP have already agreed to allow the NBI to conduct an impartial investigation into the Sulu incident, the excessive use of force and violence by the police in separate recent incidents, demonstrates a disturbing pattern of behavior that may require long-term strategic measures and legislative action.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED TO URGE THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO INQUIRE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE SHOOTING OF FOUR SOLDIERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP) BY PERSONNEL OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP) WITH THE END IN VIEW OF INSTITUTIONALIZING MEASURES AGAINST THE EXCESSIVE USE OF FORCE AND VIOLENCE WITHIN THE POLICE FORCE.**

Adopted.



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<sup>4</sup> <https://www.rappler.com/nation/265275-afp-says-no-exchange-fire-police-shot-intel-soldiers-jolo-incident>

<sup>5</sup> [https://cnnphilippines.com/news/2020/4/23/retired-military-Winston-Ragos-Quezon-City-shooting-PNP-Gamboa.html?fbclid=IwAR2eg6UVjjTrDIUR8y4X7jRtx5MYIgsK1\\_AZz94i6CAV9hNK8QEHNI6YBk](https://cnnphilippines.com/news/2020/4/23/retired-military-Winston-Ragos-Quezon-City-shooting-PNP-Gamboa.html?fbclid=IwAR2eg6UVjjTrDIUR8y4X7jRtx5MYIgsK1_AZz94i6CAV9hNK8QEHNI6YBk)

<sup>6</sup> <https://news.mb.com.ph/2020/06/05/policeman-found-no-handgun-in-ragos-bag-nbi/>