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## **SENATE**

P.S. RES. No. <u>465</u>

Introduced by SENATOR RONALD "BATO" DELA ROSA

## **RESOLUTION**

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND DANGEROUS DRUGS AND OTHER APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE FATAL AND TRAGIC SHOOTING INCIDENT OF TWO (2) COMMISSIONED OFFICERS AND TWO (2) ENLISTED PERSONNEL OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP), ALLEGEDLY BY THE MEMBERS OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP), IN JOLO, SULU, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF RECOMMENDING MEASURES AND ENACTING LEGISLATIONS THAT WOULD PREVENT THE REPEAT OF SIMILAR INCIDENTS IN THE FUTURE, AND THAT WOULD CLEARLY DEFINE THE SECURITY PROTOCOL AND COORDINATION BETWEEN AND AMONG THE MEMBERS OF THE PNP AND THE AFP

WHEREAS, on 29 June 2020, the Jolo Municipal Police Station (MPS) and the Provincial Drug Enforcement Unit flagged down four men on board a Montero SUV in a checkpoint along Marina Street, Barangay Walled City, Jolo, Sulu around 2:40 in the afternoon;

WHEREAS, the four men who introduced themselves as members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, were directed to proceed to Jolo MPS for verification. It was alleged in the report by the police that after they arrived in the station, the men fled towards Martirez St., Barangay San Raymundo;<sup>1</sup>

WHEREAS, allegedly, while the police pursued them, the men disembarked from their vehicle with firearms pointed towards the police. In their defense, the police allegedly shot them, which led into the death of the four AFP personnel;

<sup>1</sup> https://www.gmanetwork.com/news/news/regions/744707/4-army-men-killed-by-policemen-in-jolo/story/

WHEREAS, on the other hand, the Armed Forces of the Philippines Western Mindanao Command (WestMinCom) claimed that the four AFP personnel, identified as Maj. Marvin Indammog, Capt. Irwin Managuelod, Sqt. Jaime Velasco, and Cpl. Abdal Asula were assigned to the Philippine Army's 9th Intelligence Service Unit of the 11th 4 Infantry Division. The said AFP personnel were on official mission of tracking four 5 terrorist suicide bombers when the shooting happened;<sup>2</sup>

WHEREAS, Philippine Army Chief, Lt. Gen. Gilbert Gapay averred that the report issued by the Jolo Provincial Police was "fabricated, full of inconsistencies" and "very misleading." According to Gen. Gapay, contrary to the police report that there was a "misencounter", CCTV footages and the testimonies of the witnesses showed that no firefight took place between and among the AFP and PNP officers.<sup>3</sup>

WHEREAS, according to the DILG Secretary Eduardo Año the policemen who were involved in the shooting incident, namely, Staff Sgt. Almudzrin Hadjaruddin, Pat. Alkajal Mandangan, Pat. Rajiv Putalan, Senior M/Sgt. Abdelzhimar Padjiri, M/Sgt. Hanie U Baddiri, S/Sgt. Iskandar Susulan, S/Sgt. Ernisar Sappal, Cpl. Sulki Andaki, and Pat. Mohammad Nur Pasani, were already disarmed and placed under the custody of the Sulu police.<sup>4</sup> On 8 July 2020, aforementioned were transferred to Camp Crame for further investigation;

WHEREAS, President Rodrigo Duterte has already ordered the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) to hasten its probe of the shooting incident in Jolo; WHEREAS, the said shooting incident involving the security forces of the government, unfavorably affects the confidence of the State's capabilities in

implementing and ensuring peace and order;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need for the Senate to investigate the incident in order to serve justice to our fallen soldiers and to improve and strengthen the relationship and coordination of the AFP and the PNP;

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, as it is hereby resolved, to direct the Senate Committee on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs and other appropriate Senate Committees to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the fatal and tragic shooting

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Retrieved from: https://manilastandard.net/index.php/news/top-stories/327555/rody-extremely-sad-over-jolo-shootingorders-speedy-probe.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Ibid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Ibid.

- incident of two (2) commissioned officers and two (2) enlisted personnel of the Armed
- 2 Forces of the Philippines (AFP), allegedly by the members of the Philippine National
- 3 Police (PNP), in Jolo, Sulu, with the end in view of recommending measures and
- 4 enacting legislations that would prevent the repeat of similar incidents in the future,
- 5 and that would clearly define the security protocol and coordination between and
- 6 among the members of the PNP and the AFP.

7 Adopted,

RONALD "BATO" DELA ROSA