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SENATE

P.S.R. No. 261



INTRODUCED BY SENATOR AQUILINO "KOKO" PIMENTEL III AND SENATOR RISA HONTIVEROS

RESOLUTION

URGING THE LEADERSHIP OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP) TO UNDERTAKE ANY AND ALL NECESSARY MEASURES TO GUARANTEE THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF FORMER SENATOR LEILA DE LIMA, AND HENCEFORTH KEEP THE SENATE DULY INFORMED ON SECURITY ACTIONS TAKEN ON HER BEHALF

WHEREAS, while serving food in the morning of 09 October 2022 at one quadrant of the Philippine National Police Custodial Center at Camp Crame, Police Corporal Roger Agustin was overpowered by three Persons Under PNP Custody (PUPC);

WHEREAS, the three Persons Under PNP Custody (PUPC), identified as Arnel Cabintoy, Feliciano Sulayao Jr., and Idang Susukan, repeatedly stabbed Police Corporal Agustin using improvised knives;

WHEREAS, a police officer on sentry duty, alerted by the commotion, took aim and fired at the trio, hitting Cabinton and Susukan; while Sulayao, who was not hit, ran towards the cell of former Senator Leila De Lima and took her hostage;

WHEREAS, Sulayao blindfolded and bound Senator De Lima's hands and feet to a swivel chair and pressed the point of an improvised knife to her chest; after which, he proceeded to use her to communicate his demands to police negotiators, which included media access, a Hummer military vehicle, and a C-130 fixed-wing military aircraft;

WHEREAS, during the entire time former Senator De Lima was held hostage by Sulayao, the latter repeatedly threatened to kill her since his companions were dead already and there seemed to be no way out for him;

WHEREAS, in the course of negotiations with responding policemen, Sulayao was shot in the head in close quarters and killed by Lt. Col. Mark Pespes, director of the PNP Headquarters Support Service (HSS), such that were it not for the timely and decisive action of Lt. Col. Pespes, former Senator De Lima could have been killed;

WHEREAS, it is crucially important to understand how and why a security breach happened and how Sulayao managed to have access to the quarters of former Senator de Lima in light of emerging questions being raised on the background and identities of the hostage takers;

WHEREAS, while investigations are ongoing at the PNP Custodial Center, the safety and security of a former member of the chamber has now become a primordial concern to the Senate of the Philippines;

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, URGING THE LEADERSHIP OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP) TO UNDERTAKE ANY AND ALL NECESSARY MEASURES TO GUARANTEE THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF FORMER SENATOR LEILA DE LIMA, AND HENCEFORTH KEEP THE SENATE DULY INFORMED ON SECURITY ACTIONS TAKEN ON HER BEHALF

Adopted,

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