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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED VIOLATION OF THE PEACE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE MORO ISLAMIC LIBERATION FRONT ARISING FROM A POLICE OPERATION ON 18 JUNE 2023 IN DATU PAGLAS, MAGUINDANAO THAT RESULTED TO DEATH OF SEVEN (7) INDIVIDUALS

1 WHEREAS, Section 5, Article 2 of the 1987 Constitution provides that “[t]he
2 maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty, and property, and the
3 promotion of the general welfare are essential for the enjoyment by all the people of
4 the blessings of democracy”;

5 WHEREAS, Section 21, Article 10 of the 1987 Constitution states that “[t]he
6 preservation of peace and order within the regions shall be the responsibility of the
7 local police agencies which shall be organized, maintained, supervised, and utilized in
8 accordance with applicable laws.”;

9 WHEREAS, in pursuant to such policy, the Government of the Philippines (GPH)
10 entered into a Final Peace Agreement with the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF)
11 and, later on, with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) resulting to the signing of
12 the Comprehensive Agreement on Bangsamoro (CAB) that eventually led to the
13 enactment and ratification of Republic Act No. 11054 otherwise known as the
14 “Bangsamoro Organic Law”;

15 WHEREAS, the GPH and MILF also signed an agreement creating the
16 Coordinating Committee on the Cessation of Hostilities (CCCH) and Ad Hoc Joint Action

1 Group (AHJAG) the purpose of which, among others, is to end armed hostilities
2 between the government troops and MILF forces;

3 WHEREAS, one of the stipulations in the foregoing agreement is the assurance
4 of effective security collaboration between the GPH and MILF by establishing several
5 joint mechanisms that shall coordinate the security component of the normalization
6 process for the maintenance of peace and order and stability of the areas mutually
7 identified by the parties;

8 WHEREAS, in the early morning of 18 June 2023 in Barangay Damawato, Datu
9 Paglas, Maguindanao del Sur, the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group of the
10 Philippine National Police (CIDG-PNP) in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in
11 Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) served search warrants for alleged violation of Republic
12 Act No. 10591 otherwise known as the "Comprehensive Firearms and Ammunition
13 Regulation Act" against Nasser Yousef M. Husain, 34, and Norjihad M. Husain, 29,
14 both allegedly linked to the 2016 bombing of the National Grid Corporation of the
15 Philippines (NGCP) tower in Cotabato and the 2021 Datu Paglas public market attack;

16 WHEREAS, the said operation resulted in the death of seven (7) individuals
17 including the Husain siblings, and other members of the MILF namely: Nasrullah
18 Mamay Singkala, 38, Ivan Pumpugay, 18, Izrael Laguab, 41, Morsid Madidis, 50, and
19 Mama Karim, 53, and seizure of six firearms, including one Uzi, two M16 rifles, and
20 three caliber .45 pistols, and assorted ammunition;

21 WHEREAS, according to Datu Paglas Police Captain Nurjhasier Sali, what
22 occurred was a legitimate police operation that became "ugly when the gunmen
23 started firing at law enforcers";

24 WHEREAS, the relatives of the deceased denied involvement in any criminal
25 activities by the deceased and alleged, contrary to Capt. Sali's statement, the
26 operation was a rubout;

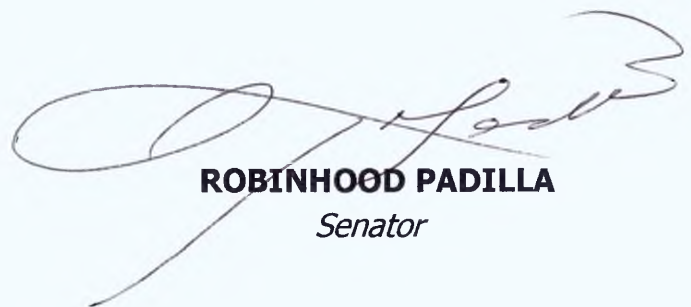
27 WHEREAS, in the light of the incident, the Central Committee of the MILF
28 passed Resolution No. 001, Series of 2023, on 20 June 2023 stating, among others,
29 that the seven (7) deceased individuals belonged to the National Guard Front, 11
30 Brigade, Inner Guard Base Command. Additionally, they have priorly filed applications
31 for amnesty pursuant to provision of the CAB;

1 WHEREAS, the resolution also stated that the “absence of coordination by
2 concerned law enforcement agencies in relation to this tragedy is a gross violation of
3 the ceasefire agreement and undermines the primacy of the peace process” and, thus,
4 it resolved to urge the investigation of the incident and call for the government to
5 “genuinely and sincerely implement all aspects of the normalization process”;

6 WHEREAS, it is imperative for the Senate to shed light on the matter and to
7 ensure that the integrity of the peace process is preserved through mutual and faithful
8 compliance with the provisions of the peace agreements by all parties involved: Now,
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to direct the appropriate Senate
11 Committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the alleged violation of the
12 peace agreement between the Government of the Philippines and the Moro Islamic
13 Liberation Front arising from a police operation on 18 June 2023 in Datu Paglas,
14 Maguindanao that resulted to the death of seven (7) individuals.

Adopted,



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Senator