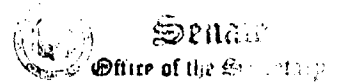


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Introduced by **SENATOR RONALD "BATO" DELA ROSA**

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**RESOLUTION**

**DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND DANGEROUS DRUGS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT OF A PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP) PERSONNEL ON THE TRAGIC SHOOTOUT IN COTABATO CITY, AND THE ALLEGED MANIPULATION SURROUNDING THE INVESTIGATION OF THE INCIDENT**

1           WHEREAS, *Section 5, Article II of the 1987 Constitution* provides that, "The  
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";

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6           WHEREAS, *Republic Act No. 6975* mandated the Philippine National Police to  
7 enforce all laws and ordinance relative to the protection of lives and properties; and  
8 maintain peace and order and take all necessary steps to ensure public safety, among  
9 others;

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11           WHEREAS, on 23 October 2023, a tragic shootout incident transpired in  
12 Barangay Rosary Heights 12, Cotabato City, which resulted in multiple injuries and the  
13 untimely demise of three (3) individuals. Among those who perished were Alfarr  
14 Ayunan, a candidate for barangay councilor in Kalangalan 2; Nur-Moctaqin Butucan,  
15 a candidate for barangay councilor in Rosary Heights 12; and Faisal Abas, a resident  
16 of Kalanganan 2;

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1           WHEREAS, the incident led to the apprehension of twelve (12) individuals,  
2 including PMSG Pauti Dianal Mamalapat of Maguindanao Del Sur; Julahidin Ledesla  
3 Abdul, also known as "Boyong", a candidate for Barangay chairman in Rosary Heights  
4 12; Jayson Mangudad Bansua; Surin Alon Kamad; Daniel Gumat Paguita; Nordin  
5 Gueamel Alay; Mishal Malang Mamalapat; Abedin Saban Guinat; Buts Saban Tepay;  
6 Dixie Mahinay Garcia; Arman Mamalangka; and Roda Midtimbang Bansuan;

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8           WHEREAS, on 20 November 2023, Mayor Mohammad Aii Dela Cruz Matabalao  
9 of Cotabato City, wrote a letter to the undersigned stating specific allegations raised  
10 by Barangay Captain Bimbo Ayunan Pasawiran in connection with the shootout  
11 incident;

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13           WHEREAS, in his letter, Mayor Matabalao claimed that there were irregularities  
14 committed by members of the PNP during the course of investigation of the 23 October  
15 2023 shootout incident;

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17           WHEREAS, Mayor Matabalao alleged that paraffin test results were manipulated  
18 by the Scene of the Crime Operatives (SOCO); police reports were fabricated to justify  
19 the operations against three (3) members of the Ayunan clan; and that certain PNP  
20 personnel planned to plant evidence on Barangay Captain Bimbo Ayunan Pasawiran  
21 and orchestrated his demise;

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23           WHEREAS, there was also disturbing claim of disruption of peace and order in  
24 Cotabato City by the PNP, and the alleged influence of "higher authorities" on the  
25 illegal actions of the PNP personnel;

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27           WHEREAS, the alleged involvement of a PNP personnel and concerning reports  
28 of manipulation in the investigative process cast doubt on the integrity our law  
29 enforcement agencies;

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31           WHEREAS, it is necessary to determine the adequacy of laws, rules and  
32 regulations being implemented by the PNP and the need to review the current PNP

1 operational guidelines and protocols in performing their sworn duty to serve and  
2 protect, in order not to undermine the people's trust towards law enforcement  
3 personnel;

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5 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, as it is hereby resolved, to direct the Senate  
6 Committee on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs to conduct an inquiry, in aid of  
7 legislation, on the alleged involvement of a Philippine National Police (PNP) personnel  
8 on the tragic shootout in Cotabato City, and the alleged manipulation surrounding the  
9 investigation of the incident.

*Adopted,*

  
**RONALD "BATO" DELA ROSA**