


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Introduced by Senator Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes IV

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ILLEGAL ARREST AND DETENTION BY PLAIN-CLOTHED POLICE OFFICERS OF FOUR SENATE EMPLOYEES OF SENATOR ANTONIO F. TRILLANES, IV. WHO ATTENDED THE INTERFAITH RALLY IN MAKATI CITY ON FEBRUARY 29, 2008, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, at around 8:30 P. M. on Friday, 29 February, 2008, about seven plainclothes operatives claiming to be police officers accosted four of the Senate staff of Senator Antonio F. Trillanes, namely, Dominador Rull, Rommel Solis, Gerry Delfin and Chito Pareno, at a carpark within the vicinity of Ayala Avenue, Makati after attending the interfaith rally held in the area;

WHEREAS, the plainclothes police officers informed the four that there was supposedly a complainant who had alleged that they (the Senate staff) were "wearing armbands" and had introduced themselves as police officers;

WHEREAS, the arresting plain-clothed police officers initially planned to bring the four to the Makati City Hall, but changed their minds, and instead asked a group of SWAT uniformed officers to escort them to the Southern Police District Headquarters in Fort Bonifacio, telling the SWAT team that they will just follow with the complainant.

WHEREAS, at the SPD headquarters, officers of the detective investigation division confiscated the IDs and cellphones of the four Senate employees, as well as the rally paraphernalia in their vehicle and they were also photographed and their home addresses and other basic personal information listed down, even without the presence of a lawyer;

WHEREAS, despite repeated pleas from the Senate employees and their lawyers when they came around, the arresting officers, who included some officers of the CIDG and the ISAFP, refused to introduce themselves by names and their positions;

WHEREAS, because no crime can be ascribed to the four Senate staff, and because the detaining officers could neither produce the alleged complainant nor reasonably specify any reason for the detention of the four, they were freed shortly before midnight;

WHEREAS, that this incident of illegal and unjustifiable arrest and detention, which is tantamount to abduction, and the confiscation of the personal properties of the four Senate staff,

is deplorable and condemnable; smacks of harassment of the opposition and stifling of the right to democratic dissent; and an act clearly violative of their human rights which are ordained by the Constitution.

NOW, THEREFORE , BE IT RESOLVED as it is hereby resolved to direct the Committee on Justice and Human Rights to investigate, in aid of legislation, the illegal arrest and detention by plain-clothed police officers of four Senate employees of Senator Antonio F. Trillanes, IV who attended the interfaith rally in Makati City on February 29, 2008, and for other purposes.

ADOPTED



ANTONIO "SONNY" F. TRILLANES IV
Senator