

SENATE

P.S. R. No. 776

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR RISA HONTIVEROS



RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND DANGEROUS DRUGS AND THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN, CHILDREN, FAMILY RELATIONS AND GENDER EQUALITY TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE SLAY OF MINOR JOHNDY MAGLINTE BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN BIÑAN, LAGUNA AND ALL OTHER KILLINGS OF MINORS IN TOKHANG/ANTI-ILLEGAL DRUG OPERATIONS IN ORDER TO RE-EVALUATE THE RULES OF ENGAGEMENT OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP) AND THE OVERALL CHILD RIGHTS RECORD OF THIS ADMINISTRATION'S WAR ON DRUGS

WHEREAS, on June 16, 2021, in Barangay Canlalay, Biñan, Laguna, law enforcement officers killed 16-year-old Johndy Maglinte and his companion Antonio Dalit in an anti-illegal drug operation;

WHEREAS, according to his family, Maglinte was handcuffed and lying face down when he was shot by the cops, contrary to the official report of the Philippine National Police (PNP) Calabarzon that Maglinte and Dalit traded shots with the officers while they were serving a warrant of arrest against Dalit;

WHEREAS, PNP Chief Gen. Guillermo Eleazar admitted to ABS-CBN TeleRadyo that there were "operational lapses"¹ during the operation, and called for witnesses to come forward to shed more light on the incident and the circumstances that led to the killing of Maglinte and Dalit;

WHEREAS, ten Laguna cops were placed in restrictive custody and are now at the regional police headquarters pending the result of the fact-finding investigation²;

WHEREAS, the death of Maglinte is not the first case of a minor slain in the Philippine Drug War, and in a study conducted by the World Organisation Against Torture, at least 122 children – including a one-year-old – have been killed during anti-drug operations and vigilante-style killings after 2016;

WHEREAS, out of these deaths, only one – the killing of 17-year-old Kian delos Santos, which was captured on CCTV – led to conviction, and even then, only of the direct perpetrators;

WHEREAS, according to the study, the 122 deaths are likely an underestimate as relatives are often threatened by police and are told not to contact human rights groups

¹ <https://news.abs-cbn.com/news/06/20/21/amid-teens-death-in-laguna-pnp-chief-says-operational-lapses-continue>

² <https://news.abs-cbn.com/news/06/19/21/10-laguna-cops-in-restrictive-custody-over-anti-drug-ops-that-left-minor-dead>

for help;

WHEREAS, the Philippines is a signatory to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, Article 37 of which guarantees that no child can be subject to torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment, or unlawful detention, let alone killing at the hands of State agents in the conduct of State-sponsored operations;

NOW THEREFORE RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED TO BY THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES TO DIRECT THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND DANGEROUS DRUGS AND THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN, CHILDREN, FAMILY RELATIONS AND GENDER EQUALITY TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE SLAY OF MINOR JOHNDY MAGLINTE BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN BIÑAN, LAGUNA AND ALL OTHER KILLINGS OF MINORS IN TOKHANG/ANTI-ILLEGAL DRUG OPERATIONS IN ORDER TO RE-EVALUATE THE RULES OF ENGAGEMENT OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP) AND THE OVERALL CHILD RIGHTS RECORD OF THIS ADMINISTRATION'S WAR ON DRUGS.

Adopted,


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