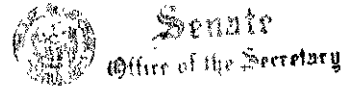


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RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID
OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORT THAT AN 8-YEAR-OLD GIRL WAS SEXUALLY
ASSAULTED INSIDE THE NEW BILIBID PRISON

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 11 provides: “The State values the dignity of every human person and guarantees full respect for human rights”;

WHEREAS, the Constitution also provides, in Article 3, Section 1: “No person shall be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law, nor shall any person be denied the equal protection of the laws”;

WHEREAS, in an article on 3 January 2015, the *Philippine Daily Inquirer* reported that an eight-year-old girl was sexually assaulted in a toilet inside the New Bilibid Prison (NBP) on 1 January;

WHEREAS, it was reportedly said that the girl who was visiting her inmate father, was found sprawled on the bathroom floor, naked from the waist down and with a rope tied around her neck;

WHEREAS, results of initial medical tests reportedly did not indicate that the girl had been raped;

WHEREAS, Justice Secretary Leila de Lima reportedly said that an inmate had confessed to attacking the girl, and is willing to face additional criminal charges;

WHEREAS, de Lima further said that the inmate rendered the girl unconscious by strangling with the intention of raping her;

WHEREAS, in a separate article on 5 January, the *Inquirer* reported that the inmate tested positive for illegal drugs;

WHEREAS, the assault came three weeks after a raid of luxurious air-conditioned cells found with drugs, cash, guns, sex dolls, stripper bar, and a jacuzzi built for powerful crime lords;

WHEREAS, Congress, through relevant legislation, must ensure proper administration of prison systems in the country;

WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the report that an 8-year-old girl was sexually assaulted inside the New Bilibid Prison.

Adopted,

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