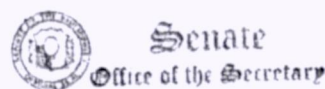


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**RESOLUTION
CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION INTO THE
PROLONGED AND PERSISTENT POWER OUTAGES ACROSS THE
PROVINCE OF PALAWAN**

WHEREAS, frustrated residents have dubbed Palawan the "blackout capital" of the Philippines following prolonged and persistent power outages across the province;

WHEREAS, the lack of reliable power has adversely affected government operations, commerce, the continued development of Palawan as a global tourism destination, and the day-to-day lives of residents;

WHEREAS, these power outages have been attributed to malfunctions in the distribution grid as well as in the generation equipment used to supply electricity to the province;

WHEREAS, this problem has been exacerbated by neglect, inefficiency, and mismanagement on the part of the province's electric cooperatives; and

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9136, otherwise known as the Electric Power Industry Reform Act, makes it a declared policy of the State to ensure the regular and reliable supply of electric power to consumers.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED
TO URGE THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO INQUIRE, IN AID OF
LEGISLATION, INTO THE PROLONGED AND PERSISTENT POWER OUTAGES
ACROSS THE PROVINCE OF PALAWAN.

Adopted.

RISA HONTIVEROS

Senator

WHEREAS, it appears that our police and some members of our uniformed personnel are killing innocent people based on questionable information. Farmers, peasant and union leaders, and heads of families are executed for reasons that could collapse the moment we examine them. Even in death, the innocent victims were given no semblance of dignity. This was evident in the way the police placed Jesus Isugan's body in a sack that was later on tossed by the road¹⁹;

WHEREAS, it is through this lens that the PNP should examine the effectiveness of their Oplan Sauron and whether they have successfully neutralized individuals or groups that were suspected of lawless violence and acts of terror. One could only hope that the police operations do not create the opposite effect where the very existence of increased police presence prove itself to be a threat and a challenge to the individuals and groups they aim to moderate and neutralize in the first place;

WHEREAS, the killings in the Negros region is an easy and chilling example of the violence against civilians that has flourished under the culture of impunity and lawless violence in the country. It is this that has made the Philippines the 4th most dangerous country in the world for civilians²⁰;

WHEREAS, the killing spree that affected the Negros region and Negros Oriental in particular is a microcosm of the culture of lawless violence in the country, one that has worsened in recent years. Deaths delivered by riding in tandems are not new but their increasing daring and brazenness is;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to urge the Senate Committees on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs and Justice to conduct an investigation in aid of legislation on the spate of killings that devastated the island of Negros and the circumstances that allowed for the lawless violence that cloaked the province, with the end in view of attaining justice for the slain victims and creating policies that will adequately address the root cause of the conflict in the province.

Adopted,


RISA HONTIVEROS

Senator

¹⁹ <https://www.bulatlat.com/2019/07/27/negros-killings-a-war-against-unarmed-civilians-groups/>

²⁰ <https://globalnation.inquirer.net/177866/us-based-data-group-ranks-ph-fourth-most-dangerous-place-in-the-world-for-civilians>