



SENATE
P.S. Resolution No. 161

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Introduced by **SENATOR IMEE R. MARCOS**

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RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN
INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PROGRAMS AND PLANS OF
THE GOVERNMENT IN RELATION TO THE ATTACKS ON TWO MAJOR OIL
FACILITIES IN SAUDI ARABIA

WHEREAS, Article II of the 1987 Constitution provides that, "in its relations with other states, the paramount consideration shall be national sovereignty, territorial integrity, national interest, and the right to self-determination;

WHEREAS, the Constitution and Republic Act No. 8042 otherwise known as the "*Migrant Workers and Overseas Filipinos Act of 1995*," states that the State shall, at all times, uphold the dignity of its citizens whether in country or overseas, in general, and Filipino migrant workers, in particular;

WHEREAS, Department of Energy (DOE) is mandated by Republic Act No. 8042 otherwise known as the "*Department of Energy Act of 1992*," to prepare, integrate, coordinate, supervise, and control plans, programs, projects, and activities of the government relative to energy exploration, development, utilization, distribution, and conservation;

WHEREAS, as of June 2019, the Philippines is importing 99.9% of its crude oil with 12% of the total crude and finished petroleum supply coming from Saudi Arabia. 68% of petroleum supply in the Philippines is consumed by the transportation sector, 5% for the power generation, 11% for commercial use, 5% for manufacturing, and 11% for the use of other industries such as agriculture, mining, and construction;

WHEREAS, recent drone attacks on Saudi Arabia state-run oil giant Aramco oil processing facilities at Abqaiq and Khurais resulted to damages and crude oil production suspension of 5.7 million barrels per day, or nearly sixty percent (60%) of the country's average production;

WHEREAS, one out of four (24.3%) OFWs worked in Saudi Arabia, which remained to be the top destination of Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) in April to September 2018, and currently about Six Hundred Thousand (600,000) Filipino workers are stationed in Saudi Arabia, and about One Million Three Hundred Thousand (1,300,000) Filipino workers are stationed in the region;

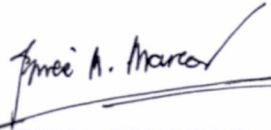
WHEREAS, the abovementioned attacks will deeply affect the Philippines in terms of the country's oil supply, increase in oil prices, and, most especially, safety of the OFWs in Saudi Arabia;

WHEREAS, the DOE plans to bring up to President Rodrigo R. Duterte the idea of creating an Oil Contingency Task Force that will predict, prepare, and perform contingency scenarios during times of supply disruptions, such as the Aramco attack;

WHEREAS, the Pentagon announced to send 200 troops with Patriot missiles to bolster Saudi Arabia's defenses following the drone strikes, thus clear plans for the eventual repatriation of OFWs from Saudi Arabia must be prepared, should the situation worsen;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to direct the appropriate Senate Committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the programs and plans of the government in relation to the attacks on two major oil facilities in Saudi Arabia.

Adopted,


IMEE R. MARCOS