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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE
TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION,
ON THE SERIES OF POLICE STATION RAIDS ALLEGEDLY PERPETRATED
BY MEMBERS OF THE NEW PEOPLE'S ARMY

WHEREAS, the Philippine Constitution, Article 2, Section 5 states that "The maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty, and property, and promotion of the general welfare are essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy";

WHEREAS, under the supervision of Police Director Arturo Lomibao, the Philippine National Police (PNP) has instituted the One-Strike Policy on unit commanders who will be remiss in their duty to hit hard against illegal gambling, illegal drugs, and communist terrorists;

WHEREAS, the policy used to give a lee-way of three strikes before dismissal but under the One-Strike Policy, once the police officers commit an error in the performance of their duty, they will automatically be dismissed from service;

WHEREAS, last 18 February 2006, a week after the declaration against communist terrorists, 20 men suspected to be members of the New People's Army (NPA) raided the police station in Cavinti, Laguna and forcibly stole several firearms;

WHEREAS, according to Laguna police director, Senior Superintendent Federico Terte, the alleged rebels attacked the Cavinti municipal police station in Barangay Poblacion at around 1:30 p.m.; the attackers were able to seize ten long firearms, five handguns, and five cellular phones belonging to the policemen;

WHEREAS, the police are currently investigating how the alleged rebels were able to enter the town proper undetected since a military detachment was situated a few meters from the said police station;

WHEREAS, it was the third police station ransacked this year after raids in Albuera, Leyte and Lingig, Surigao del Sur;

WHEREAS, a similar incident occurred last 5 February 2006 in Lingig, Surigao del Sur;

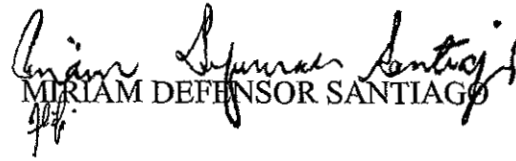
WHEREAS, suspected NPA rebels stormed the Lingig Police Station while holding Lingig Mayor Roberto Luna hostage and disarming the policemen on duty; they looted the Police Station of 11 rifles, five handguns, a shotgun, office equipment and personnel effects of the beleaguered policemen;

WHEREAS, in order to impede further similar incidents, the PNP's One-Strike Policy should be put into operation without delay and as efficiently as possible;

WHEREAS, the PNP administration should also scrutinize the actuations of the policemen on duty during the incidents and hold them liable for their purported negligence; now be it

RESOLVED by the Philippine Senate, to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the series of police station raids perpetrated by alleged members of the New People's Army.

Adopted,


MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO

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