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BTA RESOLUTION No. **330** S. OF 2020

Introduced by BTA Member ABDULMUHMIN A. MUJAHID

“RESOLUTION CALLING THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES CHIEF OF STAFF GENERAL GILBERT GAPAY TO RETRACT HIS STATEMENT AND CLEAR THE IMAGE OF MADRASAS AS INSTITUTIONS OF RADICALIZATION.”

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Article IX, Section 5, Republic Act 11054, otherwise known as Religious Freedom provides that the Bangsamoro Government shall guarantee religious freedom and the free exercise thereof pursuant to the Constitution, national laws, and principles of international law. It shall also protect all persons from harassment or any undue pressure, coercion, and violence on account of religion. Any establishment and institution shall be free to implement policies and undertake activities pursuant to their respective religious beliefs and values.

WHEREAS, the statement made by AFP Chief of Staff General Gilbert Gapay on October 13, 2020 that Madrasas are institutions of radicalization activities is **NOT** true as terroristic activities which may bring harm to human, animals and trees are not allowed in Islam, and students in Madrasas are taught to be kind to all creation and embrace all the values and good moral that a student could apply in his/her daily life. This is because their ustadztes always tell them that “If you want that He Who is above the Heaven have mercy upon you, then have mercy on those living on earth.”

WHEREAS, Section 18, otherwise known as Madaris Educational System, Islamic and Arabic Studies, also provides that the Bangsamoro Government shall establish, maintain, and supervise Madaris education in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region of which textbooks to be taught in Madrasas are well made, managed and scrutinized by scholars of Islam to preserve its pristine and humane teachings before it is distributed to the different Madrasas in all parts of Mindanao under the supervision of the Bangsamoro Government. Hence, there is no radicalization in Madrasas!

WHEREAS, even in the previous Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM), Madrasas were given full attention and well taken care of by the provision of Muslim Mindanao Autonomy Act No. 14 Section 3 of Article 1 that declares the policy to establish, maintain and support a complete and integrated system of quality education that is meaningful, relevant, and responsive to the needs, ideals, and aspiration of the people in Muslim Mindanao, that the regional government shall accredit Madaris and shall ensure their integration into the regional education system which should be at par with the national standard; wherein the results were astounding.

WHEREAS, Fighting against Terrorism which has long been destroying human lives and properties is in reality the concern of the Ulama and Ustadztes teaching in Madrasas, as this heinous crime together with suicide bombing mar the beauty of Islam and could eventually suspect the peace loving teachers of Madrasas in future time;

WHEREAS, So, on May 12-14, 2017, ULAMA SUMMIT AGAINST TERRORISM was held in Cotabato City which was attended by Ulama and operators/teachers of Madrasas coming not only from Mindanao but all parts of the Philippines who unanimously united in denouncing Terrorism, witnessed by Militaries, the now OPAPP Sec. Carlito G. Galvez Jr., PNP, LGUs and different sectors of society in attendance.

WHEREAS, to even clarify the issues more about Madrasas and its innocence in promoting suicide bombings and radicalization, National Defense Secretary Delfin N. Lorenzana and OPAPP Sec. Carlito G. Galvez Jr. who was then the Westmincom Chief sat with the Ulama and Teachers of Madrasas to clear the bad suspicions thrown towards them on the "**Regional Ulama Solidarity Summit on Peace and Security**" dated October 13-14, 2017, Zamboanga City. So how come that Madrasas are breeding grounds for terrorism and recruitment of suicide bombers while it is Haram (prohibited) in Islam?

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY, calling the Armed Forces of the Philippines Chief of Staff General Gilbert Gapay to retract his statement and clear the image of Madrasas as institutions of radicalization.

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