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**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ACTIONS OF OUR MORO LEGISLATORS FOR
STANDING ON BEHALF OF THE BANGSAMORO, AND ENSURING THE
PROTECTION AND WELFARE OF OUR PEOPLE OUTSIDE THE REGION**

WHEREAS, on February 17, agents of the National Intelligence Agency (NICA) and the National Capital Region Police Office (NCRPO) arrested without warrant 11 individuals at the Yuxing Construction site in Bacoor City, Cavite, assisted by local cops¹;

WHEREAS, law enforcement agents allegedly ordered the individuals to lie face down on the floor, and asked them who among them were Muslims. The operation was part of the NICA and NCRPO's verification on the alleged presence of Abu Sayyaf elements in the construction site, according to the Bacoor police²;

WHEREAS, 7 of the arrested individuals were identified from the Basilan province, namely, Hadzma Pandapit Marunsing, Arsid U. Adbulkadir, Arhan Mustafa Juhur, Tahirin Ngairun Jalil, Nulham A. Tadjae and Dam Sansangan Hamid³;

WHEREAS, families of the arrested have expressed their distress, claiming they have not been informed of the status or the whereabouts of their loved ones;

¹ Cepeda, M. (2021, March 3). Hataman seeks probe into alleged warrantless arrest of Muslims in Cavite. *Rappler*. <https://www.rappler.com/nation/mujiv-hataman-seeks-probe-alleged-warrantless-arrest-muslims-cavite>

² Cruz, M. (2021, February 24). Hataman seeks probe of arrests versus Muslims. *The Manila Standard*. <https://manilastandard.net/mobile/article/347916>

³ Ibid.

WHEREAS, a similar event transpired in 2020, when Manila Police District law enforcers broke into the home of Saadudin Alawiya and Abdullah Maute without proper identification, without search warrant or warrant of arrest, and without prior coordination with barangay officials and the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency⁴;

WHEREAS, Deputy Speaker and Basilan Congressman Mujiv S. Hataman called the arrests 'kidnapping' in his privilege speech on March 3, likening the arrests to those committed during the Martial Law regime, and said that a probe should be initiated to ensure that the Anti-Terrorism Law had safeguards and was not being abused by law enforcements;

WHEREAS, Sec. 27, Title XVII, Chapter 1, of the Bangsamoro Administrative Code (Bangsamoro Autonomous Act No. 13) states that, *"The National Commission on Human Rights and the Commission may agree to conduct joint investigations on human rights violations and abuses that occurred either outside the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region when the subject of the investigation involves Bangsamoro, or within the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region when the subject of the investigation is of national complexion"*⁵;

WHEREAS, Deputy Speaker Mujiv Hataman, with the support of Anak Mindanao Rep. Amihilda Sangcopan and our other Moro congressmen, have filed resolutions calling for the probe into the warrantless arrest of Muslims in Cavite and elsewhere;

WHEREAS, there is a need to follow the developments regarding this case, to ensure that there is proper coordination regarding the arrest of suspected Muslim terrorists;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, to support the actions of our Moro legislators for standing on behalf of the Bangsamoro, and ensuring the protection and welfare of our people outside the region;

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that the Bangsamoro Human Rights Commission should coordinate with the Commission on Human Rights on this matter.

Adopted,

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⁴ CNN Philippines Staff (2020, June 18). Lawmakers want probe on warrantless arrest of Muslim traders in Manila. *CNN Philippines*. <https://cnnphilippines.com/news/2020/6/18/anti-terror-bill-warrantless-arrest-Muslim-traders.html>

⁵ Bangsamoro Autonomous Act No. 13

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