



FIRST REGULAR SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 276

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY (CPOS) TO CONDUCT A PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION INTO THE SERIES OF KILLINGS AND ALARMING STATE OF PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY PARTICULARLY IN THE PROVINCE OF MAGUINDANAO, THE MUNICIPALITY OF PIKIT AND THE SPECIAL GEOGRAPHIC AREA

WHEREAS, the cases of killings and other forms of violence in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, most recently in the Province of Maguindanao and the Special Geographic Area (SGA), are rising at an alarming rate;

WHEREAS, the spate of violence has already left more than 30 people dead;

WHEREAS, among the reported incidents of killings and violence in the aforementioned areas are the following:

1. On 19 July 2022, 58-year-old Alex Salcedo was shot dead in Barangay Batulawan, Pikit, SGA;
2. On 20 July 2022, 58-year-old Datu Jalandoni Matalam Akas, Chairperson of Barangay Macabual, Pikit, was killed in an ambush in Barangay Nalapaan, Pikit, SGA;
3. On 29 July 2022, Burhan Pagayao Palwa, 22, was shot and killed in Barangay Dunggulan, Aleosan, SGA;
4. On 26 August 2022, four (4) men were killed in an ambush in Barangay Manualanan, Pikit, SGA. The victims were identified as Kalid Selongan, 28; Ray Benias, 47; William Cantonis, 41; and Darwin Cantonis, 28;
5. On 26 August 2022, Mujahid Guiabal, 24, and Anuadod Usman, 26, were attacked by gunmen in Barangay Gli-Gli, Pikit, SGA. The two were injured in the attack;
6. On 15 September 2022, Patrolman Brian Singco was shot and injured in an attack by two unidentified assailants in Barangay Poblacion, Pikit, North Cotabato;
7. On 17 September 2022, John Rey Malunes and his brother Romeo Malunes were shot and injured by unknown assailants in Barangay Batulawan, Pikit, SGA;
8. On 19 September 2022, Corporal Al Muiz Dima, was shot and killed in Barangay Magsaysay, Parang, Maguindanao;
9. On 29 September 2022, Eliseo Pangako, was shot dead in Barangay Balatican, Pikit; and
10. On 30 September 2022, former Datu Odin Sinsuat mayoralty candidate, Datu Jamael Sinsuat, Sr. was shot and killed in broad daylight;

WHEREAS, the spate of killings and other forms of violence engender lawlessness and endanger the life, security, and property of residents in the area;

WHEREAS, North Cotabato Governor Emmylou “Lala” Taliño-Mendoza has issued a statement concerning the escalating violence in the area and underscored that “[p]eace and security is a collective effort by law enforcement agencies, local peacekeeping forces, and the community in general;”

WHEREAS, Section 3, Article V of Republic Act No. 11054 or the Organic Law for the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao provides, in part, that “[w]ithin its territorial jurisdiction, the Bangsamoro Government shall... promote health and safety, ... maintain peace and order, and preserve the comfort and convenience of its inhabitants;”

WHEREAS, Section 5 (a), Article VII of the same organic law provides that the Parliament shall have the power to “[e]nact laws to promote, protect, and ensure the general welfare of the Bangsamoro people and other inhabitants in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region;”

WHEREAS, Section 5 (d), Article VII of the same law states that the Parliament shall have the power to “[c]onduct inquiries in aid of legislation in accordance with its rules;”:

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority, To direct the Committee on Public Order and Safety (CPOS) to conduct a parliamentary inquiry in aid of legislation, submit a report and recommend specific actions to help normalize the situation.

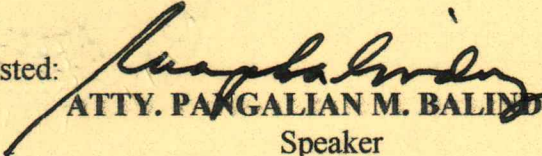
RESOLVED, FURTHER, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Chairperson of the Committee on Public Order and Safety, for appropriate action.

ADOPTED, *Rabi Al-Awwal* 21, 1444/October 17, 2022.

Certified Correct:

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