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A RESOLUTION CALLING THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE BANGSAMORO HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION TO CONDUCT A PROMPT AND FURTHER INVESTIGATION ON THE KILLING OF THE THREE (3) INNOCENT MINORS IN LAMBAYONG, SULTAN KUDARAT PROVINCE

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 1, of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that “*No person shall be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law, nor shall any person be denied the equal protection of the laws*”;

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 5, of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides 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, provides further, “*The Commission shall likewise investigate, upon complaint or motu proprio, violations of the international humanitarian law and its implementing statute, Republic Act No. 9851, otherwise known as the Philippine Act on Crimes Against International Humanitarian Law, Genocide, and Other Crimes Against Humanity*”;

WHEREAS, Article XIII, Section 18, Paragraph 1 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that “*Investigate, on its own or on complaint by any party, all forms of human rights violations involving civil and political rights*”;

WHEREAS, Article IV of Bangsamoro Human Rights Commission, section 29 provides that “*without prejudice to republic act no. 9344 otherwise known as the Juvenile Justice and Welfare act of 2006, the commission shall act as the children ombud for the Bangsamoro. It shall ensure that the statutes, constitution, and international instruments on human rights*”;

WHEREAS, the shooting incident occurred in Lambayang, Sultan Kudarat Province on December 1, 2022, at 12 midnight;

WHEREAS, the victims were minors, and identified as Samanuden Ali, Arshad Ansa, and Horton Ansa, who were residents of Lambayong Sultan Kudarat Province, and they were declared dead on arrival (DOA) at the hospital;

WHEREAS, according to the witness, the police were on patrol when they saw the three victims, and they approached and were eventually shot;

WHEREAS, according to the witness, the three minors were begging the police officers not to shoot them, and the police officer used the shirt of the victims to strangulate their necks, as there were ligature marks noticeable in the necks of the dead bodies of the victims;

WHEREAS, the incident was allegedly committed by the police officers of Lambayong, Sultan Kudarat Province;

WHEREAS, killing innocent people out of a mere feeling of resentment can never be accepted or justified, especially for a police officer, who is, in the realm of common knowledge, a symbol of protection and security;

WHEREAS, the Peace and Order in the area should be strengthened in order to maintain the safety of civilians;

WHEREAS, the killing incident should be strongly investigated by the authorities to find out the reason behind it and to identify the specific police officers who are responsible for it;

WHEREAS, the justice system in this country is fair and equal to the constituents that we believed that there will be fair justice after the investigation regardless of our race and status of living;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority:

TO PASS AND APPROVE THIS RESOLUTION CALLING THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO CONDUCT A PROMPT AND FURTHER INVESTIGATION ON THE KILLING OF THE THREE (3) INNOCENT MINORS IN LAMBAYONG, SULTAN KUDARAT PROVINCE.

Adopted, _____.

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