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**A RESOLUTION STRONGLY CONDEMNING THE SENSELESS KILLING OF
THREE (3) INNOCENT MINORS IN LAMBAYONG, SULTAN KUDARAT
PROVINCE**

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, 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, the Bangsamoro Organic Law (R.A. 11054) was enacted into law to put an end to the persistent armed violence in Mindanao, specifically the Bangsamoro Region, and usher in lasting peace and development founded on mutual trust and cooperation;

WHEREAS, Section 34, Article VI, of the Human Rights Protection of the Bangsamoro Human Rights Commission provides that *“The Commission shall conduct investigations, upon complaint or motu proprio, of alleged or purported human rights violations and abuses committed within the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region. An investigation conducted by any other tribunal shall not be a bar to the performance of this function”*;

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 IV of Bangsamoro Human Rights Commission, section 29 provides that *“without prejudice to republic act no. 9344 otherwise known as Juvenile Justice and Welfare*

act of 2006, the commission shall act as the children ombud for the Bangsamoro. It shall ensure that the status, rights, and interests of children are upheld in accordance with the statutes, constitution, and international instruments on human rights”;

WHEREAS, the killing incident occurred in Lambayong, 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, 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 must be fair and equal to the constituents that we believe that there will be fair justice after the investigation regardless of our race and status of living;

WHEREAS, the incident report was deceptive and incomplete by the Lambayong police officers;

WHEREAS, the Philippines, as a democratic form of government, strongly condemns any human rights violations or any act that is against the law.

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

TO PASS AND APPROVE THIS RESOLUTION STRONGLY CONDEMNING THE KILLING OF THREE (3) INNOCENT MINORS IN LAMBAYONG, SULTAN KUDARAT PROVINCE.

Adopted, _____.

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