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RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT(DILG), PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP), NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (NBI), AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ), TO CONDUCT AN IMPARTIAL INVESTIGATION, ON THE RECENT SHOOTOUT WHICH RESULTED IN THE DEATH OF THREE (3) BANGSAMORO YOUTHS IN BARANGAY DIDTARAS, MUNICIPALITY OF LAMBAYONG, SULTAN KUDARAT WITH THE END VIEW OF DETERMINING THE TRUTH AND TO PREVENT THE OCCURRENCE OF SIMILAR INCIDENT IN THE FUTURE.

WHEREAS, the "prime duty of the Government is to serve and protect the people" (Sec. 4, Art. II, 1987 Philippine Constitution) and that "no person shall be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law" (Sec. 1, Art. III, 1987 Philippine Constitution);

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State to maintain "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" (Sec. 5, Art. II, 1987 Philippine Constitution) and "values the dignity of every human person and guarantees full respect for human rights" (Section 11, Article II, 1987 Philippine Constitution);

WHEREAS, the National Government shall ensure the protection of the rights of the Bangsamoro people residing in communities outside the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region (Sec. 12, Art. VI, RA 11054, Bangsamoro Organic Law);

WHEREAS, at around 12:00 am of December 2, 2022, a shooting incident transpired in Barangay Didtaras, Municipality of Lambayong Sultan Kudarat where three Bangsamoro youth, later identified as Samanoden Ali, 19 years of age, Horton Ansa, Jr, 19 years of age, and Arshad Ansa, 20 years of age, were allegedly shot to death by their local policemen;

WHEREAS, the three young victims were reportedly rushed to the Evangelista Medical Clinic and Hospital for emergency treatment, but was later on declared dead on arrival. On the other hand, no casualty was reported on the part of the police officers responsible for the shootout and that their identities remain undisclosed;

WHEREAS, according to the statement of Police Chief Major Jenahmeel Toñacao of Lambayong, the three Bangsamoro youths were riding a motorcycle when they were stopped for an inspection in Purok 4, Barangay Didtaras by the policemen manning the checkpoint, however the youths allegedly sped away, prompting the police to give chase. The youths allegedly fired at the policemen who cornered them in a 'brief chase', thus provoking the police to return gunfire shots. Two 45-caliber pistols, a hand grenade, and a sachet of shabu from the fatalities were allegedly recovered;

WHEREAS, in contrast, the families of the victims reported that they have witnesses to refute the assertions made by Police Chief Toñacao regarding the shootout and the subsequent recovery of weapons and illegal substances. They counter that the three young victims went out for a ride only to test the new motorcycle of Samanoden Ali as the latter planned to join the roadshow in town on Dec. 5, 2022;

WHEREAS, the families of the victims claimed that it was impossible for the young victims to own pistols and trade gunshots with the police. The victims bore signs of having been strangled aside from having fatally shot. It was reported that Arshad Ansa was strangled first by the policemen using his own shirt while Samanoden Ali sustained gunshot wounds in both palms, insinuating that while the young victims were raising their hands to surrender, they were shot still at a close range;

WHEREAS, the families of the victims clamored for the Lambayong Municipal Police Station - Police Regional Office 12 to show and surrender the footage from the installed CCTV cameras of the Community Police Assistance Center (COMPAC) in the town;

WHEREAS, considering the conflicting views, the parties involved, the circumstances and the context under which the incident transpired, there is a need to conduct an impartial investigation in aid of legislation so that the truth may be brought to light and appropriate legislation may be passed;

WHEREAS, the DILG, PNP, NBI, and DOJ is mandated by law to maintain peace and order to investigate killings with the end view of determining the truth and to prevent the occurrence of similar incident in the future.

NOW THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, as it hereby resolved by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority to RESPECTFULLY REQUEST the Department Of Interior And Local Government (DILG), Philippine National Police (PNP), National Bureau Of Investigation (NBI), And Department Of Justice (DOJ), to conduct an impartial investigation, on the recent shootout which resulted in the death of three (3) Bangsamoro youths In Barangay Didtaras, Municipality of Lambayong, Sultan Kudarat with the end view of determining the truth and to prevent the occurrence of similar incident in the future.

RESOLVE, FURTHER, to transmit this Resolution to the DILG, PNP, NBI, and DOJ.

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