

Republic of the Philippines
Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao
BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY
Cotabato City

SECOND PARLIAMENT
Second Regular Session

Parliament Resolution No. 209

Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao
Parliament
BILLS AND INDEX DIVISION
RECEIVED
Name: ADELAH DIPATUAN Signature: [Signature]
Date: MAR 31 2023 Time: 10:31 AM

Introduced by
MP AMIR S. MAWALLIL, ATTY. LAISA MASUHUD ALAMIA

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE IN THE BANGSAMORO PARLIAMENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE FIRE INCIDENT ON M/V LADY MARY JOY 3 IN BASILAN PROVINCE ON MARCH 29, 2023, TO DETERMINE THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE AND THE ADEQUACY OF SAFETY MEASURES AND PROTOCOLS IN PLACE FOR SEA TRANSPORTATION WITHIN THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO

WHEREAS, on the evening of March 29, 2023, a fire erupted on M/V Lady Mary Joy 3, an Aleson Shipping Lines vessel bound for Sulu, causing the death of 26 individuals, including three children, and injuring several others;

WHEREAS, the vessel was carrying 205 passengers, as indicated in its manifest, and caught fire near Baluk-Baluk island of Hadji Muhtamad town in Basilan province, two hours after departing from the port of Zamboanga City;

WHEREAS, the cause of the fire is still unknown, and there is a need to investigate the incident to determine the cause and prevent similar incidents from happening in the future;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Bangsamoro Organic Law, the Bangsamoro Government has the authority and responsibility to ensure the safety and welfare of the people, including those who use the transportation systems in the region for their livelihood and daily activities;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11054 grants the Bangsamoro Government the authority to regulate transportation, including sea transportation, within its jurisdiction, and to exercise quasi-judicial powers over the operation of land and water transportation in the region;

WHEREAS, the Bangsamoro Parliament expresses its deepest sympathies to the families of the victims and calls for a thorough investigation into the incident to prevent similar tragedies in the future;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority, to direct the appropriate committee in the Bangsamoro Parliament to

Bangsamoro i.
OFFICE OF MP AMIR S. MAWALLIL
RELEASED
Date: MARCH 31, 2023
Time: 10:45 AM
Signature: [Signature]

conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, into the fire incident on M/V Lady Mary Joy 3 in Basilan province on March 29, 2023, to determine the cause of the fire and the adequacy of safety measures and protocols in place for sea transportation within the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Committee will determine issues including, but not limited to, the following:

1. The cause and circumstances of the fire, including any negligence or violations of safety protocols by the owner, operator, crew, or any other party involved in the operation of the vessel;
2. The adequacy and effectiveness of the safety measures, equipment, and protocols of the vessel and the shipping company in ensuring the safety and security of the passengers and crew;
3. The compliance of the vessel and the shipping company with relevant laws, regulations, and standards on maritime safety and security, including those promulgated by the Bangsamoro Government and the national government;
4. The immediate and long-term impacts of the incident on the survivors, the families of the victims, the environment, and the local economy, and the appropriate measures that the government should undertake to mitigate and address these impacts;
5. The policy and legislative measures that the Bangsamoro Transition Authority should propose or enact to enhance the safety and security of sea transportation within the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region, including the regulation, monitoring, and enforcement of safety standards and the provision of support and assistance to the victims and survivors of maritime accidents;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Committee is directed to coordinate with relevant agencies, such as the Philippine Coast Guard, the Navy, the police, and local disaster responders, in conducting the investigation;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be furnished to the Office of the Chief Minister, the Ministry of Transportation and Communications, the Philippine Coast Guard, Aleson Shipping Lines, and other concerned parties for their information and guidance.

Adopted,

AUTHORS:



AMIR S. MAWALLIL
Member of the Parliament

ATTY. LAISA MASUHUD ALAMIA
Deputy Speaker

Certified correct:

PROF. RABY B. ANGKAL

Secretary General

Attested by:

ATYY. PANGALIAN M. BALINDONG

Speaker