



**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

**RESOLUTION NO. 332**

**RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHIES AND SINCEREST  
CONDOLENCES TO THE BEREAVED FAMILIES OF THE VICTIMS OF  
THE ILL-FATED MV LADY MARY JOY 3 PASSENGER SHIP, WHICH  
CAUGHT FIRE NEAR BALUK-BALUK ISLAND IN THE PROVINCE OF  
BASILAN**

**WHEREAS**, MV Lady Mary Joy 3 is a 33-year-old passenger ship that was built in 1990 and is sailing under the flag of the Philippines;

**WHEREAS**, MV Lady Mary Joy 3, owned by Aleson Shipping Lines Inc., left Zamboanga Port at around 9 o'clock in the evening of March 29, 2023, Wednesday, with two hundred five (205) passengers indicated in its manifest;

**WHEREAS**, while sailing to the province of Sulu, the vessel caught fire near the town of Hadji Muhtamad, Basilan and drifted to *Baluk-Baluk* Island where it ran aground;

**WHEREAS**, based on the passenger manifest, there were two hundred fifty-two (252) individuals onboard the vessel when it caught fire at 9.3 nautical miles off the littoral monitoring station (LTS) *Pilas* near *Baluk-Baluk* Island in Hadji Muhtamad, Basilan, around 10:40 pm of March 29, 2023;

**WHEREAS**, among the 252 individuals onboard were 205 passengers, thirty-five (35) crew, four (4) sea marshals from the PCG, and eight (8) security personnel from the Philippine Army (PA);

**WHEREAS**, according to the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), the number of people who perished due to a fire in the passenger-cargo vessel MV Lady Mary Joy 3 reached thirty-three (33);

**WHEREAS**, search and rescue operations and coastal patrolling in the vicinity waters of Basilan continued for seven others who were still missing;

**WHEREAS**, of the thirty-three (33) fatalities, eleven (11) victims that drowned were already identified while the rest were burned to death; among those who died were six (6) children and minors;

**WHEREAS**, according to the PCG, there were two hundred sixteen (216) rescued individuals who were brought to Zamboanga City for profiling;

**WHEREAS**, according to the narrative of the survivors, the fire came from an air-conditioned room at the cabin which quickly spread to the adjacent kitchen room;

**WHEREAS**, many survivors jumped off the ship; some of them survived the freezing water, while others were drowned; several passengers could not immediately get out of the vessel because of the panic and the commotion. These passengers were then trapped, where their burnt bodies were found later;

**WHEREAS**, the sea tragedy had left a lot of families mourning for the loss of their loved ones;

**WHEREAS**, the Bangsamoro Transition Authority (BTA) offers its profound sympathies and sincerest condolences to the bereaved families of the victims of the ill-fated MV Lady Mary Joy 3:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it

**RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved by the BTA Parliament, To express profound sympathies and sincerest condolences to the bereaved families of the victims of the ill-fated MV Lady Joy 3 passenger ship, which caught fire near *Baluk-Baluk* Island in the province of Basilan.

**RESOLVED, FURTHER**, To urge the Office of the Chief Minister to provide financial assistance to the victims of the said mishap or disaster.

**RESOLVED, FINALLY**, That a copy of this resolution be furnished to the bereaved families of the victims.

**ADOPTED**, *Shawwal 27, 1444/May 18, 2023*.

Certified Correct:

  
**PROF. RABY B. ANGKAL**  
Secretary-General

Attested:

  
**ATTY. FANGALIAN M. BALINDONG**  
Speaker

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