



SECOND REGULAR SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 376

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT TO LOOK INTO THE IRREGULARITIES DURING THE 2023 *Hajj* PILGRIMAGE IN THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA (KSA)

WHEREAS, the National Commission on Muslim Filipinos (NCMF) was created on February 18, 2010, under the Office of the President, through Republic Act No. 9997;

WHEREAS, it is the mandate of the NCMF to preserve and develop the culture, traditions, institutions, and well-being of Muslim Filipinos in conformity with the country's laws and in consonance with national unity and development;

WHEREAS, Section 8 (q), Article II of the Republic Act No. 9997 sanctions NCMF to administer all programs, projects and activities, formulate the necessary rules and regulations, and coordinate with pertinent offices to ensure the success of the annual *Hajj* (pilgrimage) to Mecca, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA);

WHEREAS, Section 11, Article II of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State values the dignity of every human person and guarantees full respect for human rights;

WHEREAS, *Hajj* is the fifth (5th) pillar of Islam, and all physically and financially able Muslims are obliged to perform it at least once in the Holy City of Mecca, KSA;

WHEREAS, it was reported that two hundred (200) pilgrims had been stranded in Muzdalifah, near Mecca, on June 28, 2023. In addition, some of the pilgrims posted on social media and called the attention of NCMF regarding the issues they have encountered, particularly in transportation, food distribution, and accommodation, among others;

WHEREAS, there is a need to probe into the NCMF's management of the Muslim Filipino pilgrims during the 2023 *Hajj* (pilgrimage) in KSA, and to assess their overall performance with respect to their mandate, powers and functions. This includes the logistics, coordination efforts, tasking and monitoring assignments of the delegation of NCMF that should have ensured the success of the 2023 *Hajj* (pilgrimage) in KSA, as envisioned by the law;

WHEREAS, the probe shall provide constructive inputs to improve legislative acts in order to enhance the administration of the annual pilgrimage of Muslim Filipinos:

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority Parliament, To request the Office of the President to look into the irregularities during the 2023 *Hajj* pilgrimage in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA).

RESOLVED, FURTHER, That this Resolution be forwarded to the Office of the President.

ADOPTED, Muharram 07, 1445/July 25, 2023.

Certified Correct:


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Speaker

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