



SECOND REGULAR SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 431

RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE TRAGIC KILLING OF BETTY CADULONG LU AND JONARD LU IN POBLACION, PIKIT, NORTH COTABATO, EXTENDING CONDOLENCES AND SYMPATHY TO THE BEREAVED FAMILY, AND CALLING ALL CONCERNED AUTHORITIES TO EXPEDITE THE INVESTIGATION SURROUNDING THE INCIDENT

WHEREAS, Section 5, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that, *“The maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty, and property, and the promotion of the general welfare are essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessing of democracy;”*

WHEREAS, Section 11, Article II of the same declares, *“The State values the dignity of every human person and guarantees the full respect for human rights;”*

WHEREAS, Section I, Article III of the Bill of Rights states that *“No person shall be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law, nor shall any person be denied of the equal protection of the laws;”*

WHEREAS, Section 6 of Article IX of Republic Act No. 11054, also known as *“Organic Law for the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao”*, states that *“The Bangsamoro Government shall fully respect human rights;”*

WHEREAS, on January 09, 2024, the community of Pikit, North Cotabato was shaken by the tragic and senseless killing of Betty Cadulong Lu, a respected eatery owner, and her 47 years old son Jonard Lu;

WHEREAS, Betty Cadulong Lu was a businesswoman and a prominent resident of Pikit, North Cotabato together with her son Jonard Lu;

WHEREAS, as reported by Brigada News FM Cotabato City, the proprietor of the said eatery, Betty Cadulong, a senior citizen, was the first one who was shot while attending at their eatery. Allegedly, one of the suspects took the money she earned from morning until noon;

WHEREAS, it is said that upon seeing his mother dead, Betty’s son, Jonard Lu, chased the suspect but got himself shot also;

WHEREAS, the mother and son victims were immediately taken to the hospital where they expired from fatal wounds;

WHEREAS, the incident was caught on CCTV, but the identities of the suspects were unclear;

WHEREAS, it is reported that four (4) individuals riding two (2) motorcycles were behind the shooting and killing of Betty Cadulong Lu and Jonard Lu yesterday at noon;

WHEREAS, the suspects involved in this heinous act immediately fled into the direction which the authorities are still trying to determine;

WHEREAS, the loss of Betty Cadulong Lu and Jonard Lu has deeply saddened and shocked the community, leaving behind a void that can never be filled;

WHEREAS, “*Mother Betty*”, as her regular customers called her, was the sister of Dr. Robert Cadulong, Al-Haj, the owner of Cadulong Hospital in town and a retired municipal physician, who was also shot and killed on July 23, 2021;

WHEREAS, the circumstances surrounding their deaths are not only heartbreaking but also raise serious concerns, posing a threat to the peace and security in the whole Bangsamoro Region;

WHEREAS, we, in the Bangsamoro Parliament, stand together to condemn in the strongest terms the brutal killing of Betty Cadulong Lu and Jonard Lu, for such acts of violence and crime have no place in our society;

WHEREAS, we call upon all concerned authorities to expedite the investigation into this tragic incident, apprehend the perpetrators, and ensure that justice is served for Betty Cadulong Lu, Jonard Lu, and their grieving family;

WHEREAS, we extend our heartfelt condolences and solidarity to the family, friends, and loved ones of Betty Cadulong Lu and Jonard Lu during this incredibly difficult time:

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

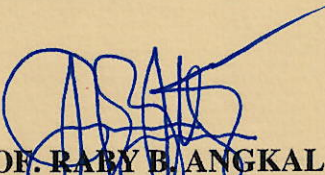
RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority, To condemn the tragic killing of Betty Cadulong Lu and Jonard Lu in Poblacion, Pikit, North Cotabato, extending condolences and sympathy to the bereaved family, and calling all concerned authorities to expedite the investigation surrounding the incident.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, To present this Resolution to the bereaved family of Mrs. Betty Cadulong Lu and Jonard Lu, for their information, with a copy hereof be forwarded to the local authorities as a testament to our collective voice against such atrocities.

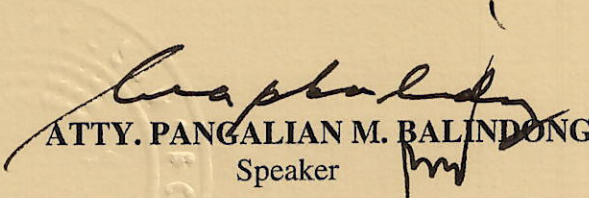
RESOLVED, FINALLY, That this Resolution be disseminated widely by the concerned agencies of the government within the Bangsamoro Region particularly in the Municipality of Pikit, North Cotabato, to raise awareness as well as to foster unity against violence and crime.

ADOPTED, *Rajab* 04, 1445/January 16, 2024.

Certified Correct:


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Speaker

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