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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1142  

Introduced by  
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A RESOLUTION  
DIRECTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT TO CONDUCT AN  
INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE SITUATION OF THE KADAMAY MEMBERS RESIDING IN THE  
DIFFERENT HOUSING COMMUNITIES IN PANDI, BULACAN THAT ARE CURRENTLY UNDER ATTACK BY  
STATE FORCES  

WHEREAS, Article XII Sec. 9 of the 1987 Constitution states that “The State shall, by law, and for the common  
good, undertake, in cooperation with the private sector, a continuing program of urban land reform and housing which  
will make available at affordable cost, decent housing and basic services to underprivileged and homeless citizens  
in urban centers and resettlement areas.”;  

WHEREAS, since the successful occupation of idle homes in Pandi, Bulacan on March 8, 2017, the communities  
within the government housing program in Brgy. Mapulong Lupa, Pandi, Bulacan, had been subject to harassment,  
imimidation, physical harm and among others led by the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and the Philippine  
National Police (PNP);  

WHEREAS, on July 26, 2020, the Philippine National Police raided the regional office of KADAMAY—a progressive,  
urban poor alliance—in Villa Louis, Pandi and confiscated thousands of Pinoy Weekly magazine copies.  

WHEREAS, the PNP also arrested local community leader Rose Fortaleza for storing Pinoy Weekly Newspapers  
and Kadaday flyers;  

WHEREAS, Pandi police chief Jun Alejandrino, who headed the raid, said the magazines were ‘illegal’ and  
threatened the community to give up the copies or else ‘may maging yaya’;  

WHEREAS, a day after the illegal raid, four (4) women urban poor community leaders in Pandi were also  
apprehended by the Pandi police for carrying out a quick selfie protest outside their homes to participate in  
SONAgKAISA, an online rally on the day of the President’s State of the Nation Address (SONA);
WHEREAS, they were charged with resisting arrest, holding an illegal mass gathering and violating quarantine protocols. However, the selfie protest was conducted inside a house, and did not exceed 10 persons altogether. The arrest happened hours after the protest. In fact, one of them was forcibly arrested while she was doing the laundry;

WHEREAS, the militarization of Pandi and the continuing harassment, red-tagging, and vilification of KADAMAY members by the AFP-PNP pose a grave threat to the community, following the murder of Kadamay Secretary General Carlito 'Ka Karletz' Badion who, prior to his death, had received death threats from suspected state forces. Carlito Badion also supported the “occupy” campaign of Pandi residents;

WHEREAS, the right to housing is a fundamental human right which the state has the obligation to protect and promote in order to ensure that its homeless citizens will live in security, peace, and dignity;

WHEREAS, Rule I Sec. 3 of the Code of Conduct for Officials and Employees of the National Housing Authority states that, “NHA Personnel shall not discriminate against any person by dispensing special favors to anyone. They shall not allow kinship, rank, position, creed or religion, or favors from any party to influence their official acts, duties, and functions;

WHEREAS, Kadamay members residing in the different housing projects in Pandi have already submitted documents as required by NHA to ensure the legality of their presence in the area. During the deliberation for the 2020 Budget, a dialogue between the the NHA and the residents was facilitated by the Makabayan-bloc and the NHA promised to process the papers of qualified beneficiaries;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the House Committee on Housing and Urban Development conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the situation of Kadamay members residing in the different housing communities in Pandi, Bulacan that are currently under attack by state forces.

Adopted,

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