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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 91

Introduced by:

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**A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION,
ON THE RECENT MILITARIZATION AND HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS ON THE COMMUNITIES
OF BRGY. DOMINGA, CALINAN DISTRICT DAVAO CITY, ALLEGEDLY PERPETRATED BY
ELEMENTS OF ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES-3RD INFANTRY BATTALION**

WHEREAS, a National Fact-Finding and Peace Mission, organized by Exodus for Justice for Peace (EJP) and KARAPATAN-Southern Mindanao Region along with several organizations, was conducted on May 20-21, 2017 to gather facts and information;

WHEREAS, troops of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP)'s 3rd infantry battalion have been operating since the first week of May 2017 in Calinan District, Davao City. On May 6, 2017, the elements of 3rd Infantry Battalion Philippine Army (IBPA) Task Force Haribon and New Peoples' Army (NPA) fighters had an encounter in the hinterlands of Barangay Dominga, Calinan District, Davao City which prompted the residents of Purok 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 12 to evacuate to the village center of Barangay Dominga;

WHEREAS, cases of forcible evacuation, threat, harassment, intimidation, extra-judicial killings, and other human rights violations were reported by the peasant communities. The continuous intensified military operation in several communities displaced a total of 251 families or 1,014 individuals to leave their residences and seek refuge;

WHEREAS, 36-year-old farmer Rodolfo Dagahuya, resident of Sitio Kibatón, Barangay Dominga, Calinan District, Davao City was shot dead outside his house on May 9, 2017. His family found his corpse in Rivera Funeral Parlor and later brought Dagahuya home in Kibatón. Jojo (not his real name), reported that his father was killed and dragged by the military;

WHEREAS, farmers Felix Roa (32 years old), Edwin Lascuna (47 years old), Marlon Lascuna (32 years old), and Lyndon Lascuna, residents of Sitio Kibatón, Barangay Dominga, Calinan District, Davao City were gun-pointed, beaten, and coerced to admit that they were members of the NPA;

WHEREAS, Maximiliana Opella (42 years old), a resident of Purok 1, Barangay Dominga, was harassed, and members of the 3rd IBPA forcibly entered and searched her home without presenting any warrant;

WHEREAS, among the cases of human rights violations, the mission has documented 36 cases of threat, harassment, intimidation, destruction of properties resulted from indiscriminate firing, divestment of properties, coercion, vilification, trespassing, and physical assault among many others;

WHEREAS, these unjustifiable acts of the AFP clearly violate and disregard the citizens' constitutionally-enshrined rights to safety and well-being. The military personnel and officials responsible for these atrocities should be identified and made accountable;

WHEREAS, the Congress must exercise its relevant functions to address the recent attacks to peasant communities and to halt all harassments;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the House of Representatives Committee on Human Rights conduct an investigation, in aid of legislation, on the recent militarization and human rights violations on the communities of Brgy. Dominga, Calinan District, Davao City, allegedly perpetrated by members of Armed Forces of the Philippines 3rd infantry battalion.

Adopted,



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