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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. _____

Introduced by
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A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE MILITARIZATION AND RECENT VIOLENT ATTACKS ON OCCUPIED HOUSING COMMUNITIES IN PANDI, BULACAN BY THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP), PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP), AND CIVILIAN GROUPS IDENTIFYING THEMSELVES AS 'PRO-GOVERNMENT'

WHEREAS, Article XIII 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 September 4, 2019, the communities within Pandi 2 Village Atlantica, a government housing program in Brgy. Mapulang Lupa, Pandi, Bulacan, had been subject to harassment, intimidation, physical harm and among others led by the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), Philippine National Police (PNP), and a civilian group called Pagkakaisa Mamamayan Tungo sa Kaayusan;

WHEREAS, on the same day, some 200 members of the group ransacked urban poor group Kadamay-Pandi's municipal office. Shots from a 'sumpak' were also fired during a witch-hunt for Kadamay leaders, including a former Kadamay-Pandi Chairperson. The group, accompanied by elements of the Philippine Army's 48th Infantry Battalion and Philippine National Police-Pandi, also stole a masterlist of all Kadamay members in the area, and office belongings such as two electric fans, a television set, TV plus, stove and two LPG tanks;

WHEREAS, Pagkakaisa Mamamayan Tungo sa Kaayusan, which describes itself as an organization under a 'Pro-government' alliance, started occupying a few housing units in some areas in Atlantica on September 6, 2019;

WHEREAS, on September 7, 2019, around 100 soldiers and police entered the community and forced some of the occupiers to vacate the housing units;

WHEREAS, on September 8, 2019, the 'Pro-government' groups staged a "peace walk", red-tagging Kadamay by associating it with the Communist Part of the Philippines (CPP). After the groups' outright vilification of the urban poor, they burned down Kadamay's flag and hundreds of copies of newspaper Pinoy Weekly inside the office of Kadamay-Atlantica chapter. All of this done amid the presence of the Philippine National Police of Pandi;

WHEREAS, members of the 'Pro-government' group was also seen handing out enlistment and recruitment forms bearing the name of the National Housing Authority (NHA);

WHEREAS, on September 10, 2019, armed and uniformed military entities were sighted in a housing unit near the guard house of Atlantica;


WHEREAS, on September 11, 2019, Certificate of Awards were distributed to 'Pro-government' members in a public event attended by the Pandi Mayor Enrico A. Roque and some officials and personnel from the National Housing Authority-Region III, despite the series of harassment and intimidation perpetrated by the said group on other 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;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the House Committee on Housing and Urban Development and Committee on Human Rights conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the militarization and recent violent attacks on the occupied housing communities in Pandi, Bulcan by the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), Philippine National Police (PNP), and civilian groups identifying themselves as 'pro-government.'

Adopted,



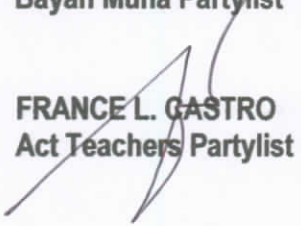
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