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Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 440



Introduced by
BAYAN MUNA Representatives CARLOS ISAGANI T. ZARATE,
FERDINAND R. GAITE and EUFEMIA C. CULLAMAT,
ACT TEACHERS Party-List Representative FRANCE L. CASTRO,
GABRIELA Women's Party Representative ARLENE D. BROSAS
and KABATAAN Party-List Representative SARAH JANE I. ELAGO

RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE ON
PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION,
IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE GROSS VIOLATION BY POLICE OFFICERS
AND MEMBERS OF CHAPTER 3, RULE 15.4 OF THE REVISED PHILIPPINE
NATIONAL POLICE OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES MANUAL ON THE
CONDUCT OF ITS ANTI-CRIME CAMPAIGNS, PARTICULARLY THE ANTI-
ILLEGAL DRUGS OPERATIONS

WHEREAS, the prime duty of the government is to serve and protect the people which includes the maintenance of peace and order, and the protection of life, liberty and property, as mandated by Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution;

WHEREAS, on July 26, 2006, former President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo signed the Republic Act No. 9346, otherwise known as An Act Prohibiting the Imposition of Death Penalty in the Philippines. Thus, there is no current law allowing the imposition of death penalty in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte repeatedly and publicly promised death to the people involved in illegal drug activities which resulted series of deaths since he seated in power in 2016;

WHEREAS, as of September 13, 2019, there are 5,793 people linked to illegal drug-related activities killed during police operations, as claimed by the Philippine National Police (PNP). Human rights groups and organizations, and the Commission on Human Rights, on the other hand, estimates that there are at least 27,000 people killed connected to the Duterte administration's anti-illegal drugs campaign;

WHEREAS, Chapter 3, Rule 15.4 of the Revised Philippine National Police Operational Procedures Manual states that:

"15.4 Inquest Proceeding Necessary When the Suspect Dies

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2 In cases of armed confrontation wherein the suspect dies, the Team
3 Leader of the operating unit shall submit the incident for inquest before the
4 duty Inquest Prosecutor prior to the removal of the body from the scene,
5 except in areas where there are no Inquest Prosecutors. In which case, the
6 territorial police unit can proceed with the investigation.”
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8 **WHEREAS**, out of 5,793 cases of suspects killed, only 253 PNP officers and members who were
9 involved in the anti-criminality campaign, particularly anti-drug operations, had been subjected to
10 inquest proceedings according, as admitted by the PNP during the plenary deliberations of House
11 Bill 4228 or the Appropriating Funds for the Operation of the Government of the Republic of the
12 Philippines from January One to December Thirty-One, Two Thousand and Twenty;
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14 **WHEREAS**, as admitted by the PNP during the said budget deliberations, of the 253 subjected to
15 inquest proceedings, only 150 officers were brought to an inquest prosecutor on charges of killing a
16 drug suspect, while 103 had been charged in court;
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18 **WHEREAS**, there were only 594 police officers administratively charged in connection to the
19 killings, particularly those related to the anti-illegal drugs campaign;
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21 **WHEREAS**, there is clear violations by the PNP – both the responsible officers and members --
22 of their own investigation procedures as contained in the operations manual, thus, putting into
23 serious question the supposed regularity of the anti-criminality and anti-drug operations of the the
24 Duterte administration;
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26 **WHEREAS**, it is impertive that the House of Representatives, which yearly allocates a sizeable
27 budget to the PNP's anti-criminality campaign, should look into this serious breach of procedures
28 that not only undermines the institution but also resulted to violations of the rights of our people
29 and a breakdown even of law and order;
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31 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the House of Representatives, through its
32 Committee on Public Order and Safety to conduct an investigation, in aid of legislation, on the gross
33 violations by police officers and members of Chapter 3, Rule 15.4 of the Revised Philippine
34 National Police Operational Procedures Manual in the conduct of its anti-crime campaigns,
35 particularly in the anti-illegal drugs operations.
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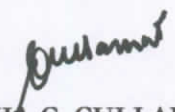
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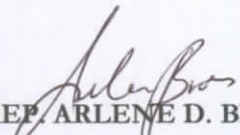
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