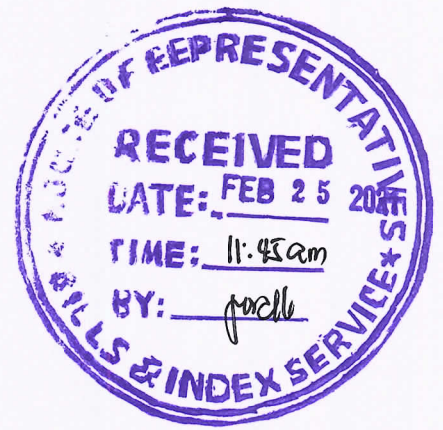


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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Resolution No. 1604



Introduced by the Honorable Precious Hipolito Castelo

A RESOLUTION

URGING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO INVESTIGATE THE SHOOTING INCIDENT NEAR EVER GOTESCO MALL BETWEEN POLICE OFFICERS FROM THE QUEZON CITY POLICE DISTRICT (QCPD) AND PHILIPPINE DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY (PDEA) OPERATIVES

WHEREAS, last February 24, 2021 around 5:45PM, a firefight happened near Ever Gotesco Mall in Quezon City;

WHEREAS, the incident caused a major commotion in the area, as the mall is located along a major thoroughfare where many pedestrians and mall shoppers were present;

WHEREAS, the incident also caused a traffic disturbance to motorists since many of them were stalled in the area and were told to re-route;

WHEREAS, the firefight was shockingly found to be between Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) operatives and police officers from the Quezon City Police District (QCPD) Station 6;

WHEREAS, the shooting left 2 cops dead and 4 individuals wounded, 1 of which is in critical condition;

WHEREAS, the incident was said to be a misencounter between QCPD and PDEA as both sides claim that they were conducting a legitimate operation;

WHEREAS, according to Metro Manila police chief Major General Vicente Danao, QCPD's District Special Operations Unit (DSOU) did not know that they were transacting with PDEA's Special Enforcement Service (SES) agents during the buy-bust operation, hence, the unfortunate shootout;

WHEREAS, lives of unwitting pedestrians and mall shoppers were put at risk by this alleged misencounter between two agencies which must aid each other in protecting public safety and security;

WHEREAS, there ought to be a probe on whether or not there was a breach of procedures in either or both sides seeing that there seems to be lack of coordination between the two agencies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives to urge the appropriate House Committee to investigate the shooting incident near Ever Gotesco Mall

between police officers from the Quezon City Police District and Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency operatives.

ADOPTED,


PRECIOUS HIPOLITO CASTELO