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House Resolution No. 1645



Introduced by the Honorable Precious Hipolito Castelo

A RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ) AND THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (NBI) TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE KILLINGS AND ARRESTS OF ACTIVISTS IN CALABARZON REGION LAST MARCH 7, 2021

WHEREAS, last March 7, 2021, police raids caused the death of 9 individuals and the arrest of 6 others in the CALABARZON region;

WHEREAS, the raids were allegedly occasioned on the basis of search warrants for illegal possession of firearms and explosives;

WHEREAS, the police were quick to point out that the slain activists resisted arrest, which led the police to defend themselves;

WHEREAS, the legitimacy of a police operation should not be based on the mere say-so of the police themselves, especially since those who were killed cannot anymore defend themselves;

WHEREAS, the mandate of the police is to always uphold the rule of law and follow due process;

WHEREAS, in upholding the rule of law, human rights as enshrined in our Constitution must be protected;

WHEREAS, in a democracy, dissent is expected and freedom of speech shall always be respected;

WHEREAS, it is thus necessary that an investigation be conducted in order to know whether or not excessive force was used by the police in the raids conducted in the CALABARZON region last Sunday;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives to urge the Department of Justice and the National Bureau of Investigation to conduct an investigation into the killings and arrests of activists in the CALABARZON region last March 7, 2021.

ADOPTED,


PRECIOUS HIPOLITO CASTELO