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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND DANGEROUS DRUGS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALARMING CASES OF KIDNAPPING, ABDUCTION, DISAPPEARANCES, AND THE RECENT SPATE OF CRIMES IN THE COUNTRY IN GENERAL, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF CRAFTING LEGISLATION TO STRENGTHEN OUR CRIMINAL LAWS AND MAINTAIN PEACE AND ORDER IN THE COUNTRY

1 **WHEREAS**, recently several news of kidnappings, disappearances and killings
2 in the country have been reported, specifically involving women, alleged Chinese
3 POGO workers and Filipino-Chinese, among others;

4 **WHEREAS**, it is disturbing that among the reported cases of disappearances
5 are predominantly young women. Specifically, the victims are Princess Dianne Dayor
6 from Guiginto, Bulacan, a 24-year-old who went missing last July 2 and was found
7 dead near a creek last July 5; 15-year-old biker Princess Marie Conde Dumantay from
8 San Jose del Monte City who was missing since August 9 and recently found dead in
9 Bustos, Bulacan; Jovelyn Galleno, 22 year-old sales lady in Puerto Princessa, who was
10 reported missing since August 5; Josie Bonifacio, a 40-year-old resident of Naguilian,
11 Isabela who went missing last August 8 and was found dead on August 9 with
12 lacerations on different parts of the body;¹

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¹ <https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1649014/gabriela-asks-house-to-probe-cases-of-missing-women>

1 **WHEREAS**, another incident of kidnapping for ransom and killing was reported
2 involving Eduardo Tolosa, a chief executive officer of a pharmaceutical company,
3 whose body was dumped and burned in Sto Tomas, Batangas;²

4 **WHEREAS**, also just recently, there are videos circulating around social media
5 and messaging platforms, showing incidents of kidnapping and torture of alleged
6 POGO workers and Chinese nationals;

7 **WHEREAS**, one video showed a horrible alleged kidnapping attempt of a
8 Chinese national in broad day light along a segment of the Skyway in Parañaque where
9 vehicles purposely surrounded the victim's car;

10 **WHEREAS**, another gruesome video showed what appears to be a male victim
11 blindfolded; his mouth covered and the perpetrator seemingly cutting a portion of the
12 former's ear;

13 **WHEREAS**, yet another video showed a male victim; his face profusely
14 bleeding; his body was hit and bludgeoned by multiple assailants armed with
15 sledgehammers. Both the victim and perpetrators resemble Chinese features and their
16 verbal exchange was also Chinese-sounding;

17 **WHEREAS**, while in one video showed several dumped dead bodies
18 somewhere in Kawit, Cavite, one allegedly Chinese-looking;

19 **WHEREAS**, although these videos are yet to be verified if these were really
20 committed in the country, there is a need for our law enforcement agencies to
21 investigate and inquire into the truth and veracity of these videos;

22 **WHEREAS**, the Philippine Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc.
23 (PCCCI), claimed that the kidnapping cases in the last ten (10) days have surged to
24 fifty six (56)³;

25 **WHEREAS**, on the other hand, according to the Philippine National Police Anti-
26 Kidnapping Group (PNP-AKG), there were only twenty-seven (27) recorded kidnapping
27 incidents from January this year. Out of these, the cases of kidnapping targeting POGO
28 workers increased by twenty five percent (25%). Fifteen (15) POGO-related
29 kidnapping cases were recorded from January to September⁴;

² <https://www.gmanetwork.com/news/topstories/nation/843835/kidnap-for-ransom-murder-complaints-filed-vs-11-in-case-of-missing-pharma-exec/story/>

³ <https://news.abs-cbn.com/news/09/06/22/pcci-56-kidnapping-cases-in-last-10-days>

⁴ <https://www.philstar.com/nation/2022/09/09/2208369/pogo-related-kidnap-cases-25>

1 **WHEREAS**, though the incidents of alleged kidnappings and killings involve
2 foreigners, there is no assurance that Filipinos will not be a target of these evil deeds;

3 **WHEREAS**, the government should act swiftly to put an end to these spate of
4 kidnappings and killings; take control of the situation; and guarantee our people of
5 their safety and provide an assurance of a peaceful community;

6 **WHEREAS**, crimes of abduction and torture are acts of cruelty that are
7 unacceptable and should be condemned in the highest form;

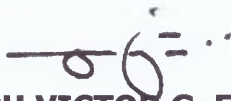
8 **WHEREAS**, it is an insult to the Philippine Government that these alleged
9 perpetrators who now appears to be foreign nationals have no respect towards the
10 laws of our land;

11 **WHEREAS**, there is a need to establish peace and order in our society and
12 send a message to everyone, Filipinos and foreigners alike, that no one is above the
13 law;

14 **WHEREAS**, as the Philippine economy continue to recover from the negative
15 effects of the pandemic by opening its doors to tourists and investors, the government
16 should see to it that the country is indeed a safe place to visit and do business;

17 **RESOLVED BY THE SENATE**, as it is hereby resolved, to direct the Senate
18 Committee on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs to conduct an inquiry, in aid of
19 legislation, on the alarming cases of kidnapping, abduction, disappearances, and the
20 recent spate of crimes in the country in general, with the end in view of crafting
21 legislation to strengthen our criminal laws and maintain peace and order in the
22 country.

Adopted,


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