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RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS, COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY AND DEFEAT COVID-19 AD-HOC COMMITTEE TO INQUIRE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE CONTINUED ATTACKS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE NEW PEOPLE'S ARMY (NPA) SINCE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMUNITY QUARANTINE

WHEREAS, the military recorded several attacks launched by the New People's Army (NPA) against members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), the Philippine National Police (PNP) including civilian volunteers who are doing community work in various parts of the Country.

WHEREAS, the military said that the NPA launched attacks during the ceasefire period in various parts of the Country and since the implementation of the community quarantine.

WHEREAS, the Government declared a ceasefire with the rebels starting March 19, 2020 until April 15, 2020, and that the NPA declared their own starting March 26, 2020, however, the attacks came as a clear violation not only of the very said declarations but also generally-observed humanitarian principles.

WHEREAS, last March 2020, Malacañang slammed the NPA when it attacked members of the AFP who are doing community work in the Province of Rizal, resulting in the death of a soldier and more importantly posed danger to the civilians living in the area under community quarantine.

WHEREAS, the attacks not only involved the AFP and PNP but even civilians involved in relief operation carrying the difficult tasks of distributing food and other essentials in communities under general community quarantine (GCQ) and enhance community quarantine (ECQ).

WHEREAS, it has been noted that since time and history, whenever the Country is experiencing calamity or crisis, the terrorist NPA takes advantage of launching atrocities against law enforcement arms of the Government, without considering its effect on the Filipino People.

WHEREAS, more importantly, these pernicious attacks have served to materially dissipate government resources that could have been allocated to the extension of badly-needed aid to the affected communities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Committee on Human Rights, Committee on National Defense and Security and Defeat Covid-19 Ad-Hoc Committee, be directed to conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation on the continued attacks of the New People's Army (NPA) since the implementation of the community quarantine.

Adopted,

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