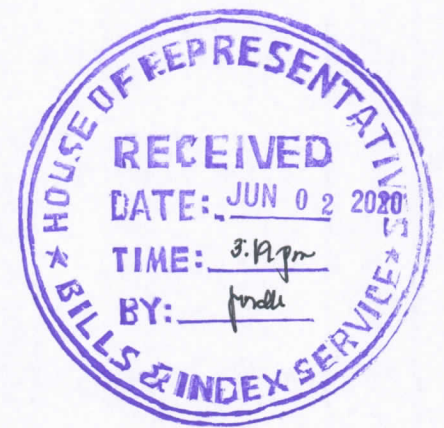


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8 HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 939
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10 Introduced by

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17 RESOLUTION

18 URGING THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND COMMITTEE
19 ON MUSLIM AFFAIRS, TO CONDUCT A JOINT INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF
20 LEGISLATION, ON THE MAY 24 EID'L FITR BOMBING HITTING CIVILIAN
21 HOMES, KILLING 2 CHILDREN AND INJURING 12 OTHERS IN BARANGAY
22 KITANGO, DATU SAUDI AMPATUAN, MAGUINDANAO
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25 WHEREAS, on May 24, 2020 at around 3:15 PM, 81 mm mortar hit at least two houses in Sitio
26 Amai Zailon in Barangay Kitango, Datu Saudi Ampatuan, Maguindanao. The explosion resulted
27 in the death of two children: Aslamiya Adam Tambak, 10 years old, and her sister Asnaida Adam
28 Tambak, 7 years old, both females;
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30 WHEREAS, shrapnels of the mortar also hit the children's mother, Noraisa Adam Tambak, 40
31 years old, in the pelvic area and their brother, Norsayid Ulama, 5 years old. Twelve (12) other
32 relatives in the same sitio were injured, including a five-year-old male. They were immediately
33 brought to the Cotabato Regional Medical Center (CRMC) in Cotabato City;
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35 WHEREAS, according to rights group Kawagib Alliance for Advancement of Moro Human
36 Rights, at around 8 AM on the same day, Abu Talhan Zailon, uncle of the two children killed by
37 the explosion, reported hearing at least 10 rounds of mortar shelling coming from the direction of
38 Brgy. Eliau where the 57th IBPA is based;
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40 WHEREAS, in a statement, Lt. Col. Edgardo Vilchez, spokesperson of the 6th Infantry Division,
41 denied that military operations were conducted on May 24, in observance of the Eid'l Fitr
42 celebration. According to him, there were no operating troops in the area when the incident
43 occurred. The spokesperson also said that there is an existing rido (family feud) in the area with
44 ISIS-inspired terrorists allegedly planting improvised explosive devices (IED) in the area as
45 perimeter defense. Before the incident, the military reportedly monitored a gathering of
46 Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters (BIFF) in Kitango;
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48 WHEREAS, the 1st Mechanized Infantry Battalion of the Philippine Army based in Brgy. Eliau,
49 Datu Saudi Ampatuan, and the 57th Infantry Battalion based in Brgy. Eliau and Bgy. Salibo, Datu

1 Saudi Ampatuan, Maguindanao, are the units who have been chasing the BIFF in the Second
2 District of Maguindanao;

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4 **WHEREAS**, in a news report, Musib Tan, town administrator of Datu Saudi Ampatuan said that
5 earlier in the day, a gunfight could be heard in Brgy. Elian where the 57th ID had been battling
6 Dawlah Islamiya Mindanao and Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters since the past day.
7 According to Tan, in a call, the military assured him it would have been impossible for them to
8 make mistakes in coordinates as they only aimed in enemy position;

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10 **WHEREAS**, residents of Sitio Amai Zailon in Barangay Kitango who were hit by the mortars
11 state that there are no terrorists in their community. The father of the two children victims also
12 pointed out that the weapon used in the explosion, 81 mm mortars, were part of the arsenal of the
13 Philippine Army;

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15 **WHEREAS**, this incident is only one among several reports of civilians being wounded and killed
16 by indiscriminate bombings and shootings in communities in Maguindanao. According to rights
17 group Kawagib, on May 22, mortar shelling in Sitio Bayog, in Bgy. Dapiawan at 9:00 in the morning
18 also resulted to the death of Ustadz Abdul Madidis, a respected local religious leader. Other
19 incidents remain unpunished such as the incident On August 2012, wherein a four-year-old girl
20 Asmayra Usman died and her father Arsad Usman was wounded, due to the firing of a 50-caliber
21 gun by the military in an evacuation center in Bgy. Salbo in Datu Saudi Ampatuan;

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23 **WHEREAS**, it is imperative for members of Congress, as representatives of the people, to protect
24 the rights of the people and seek accountability for violations against such. There is a need to
25 conduct a thorough and impartial investigation on the incident to bring justice to the victims of
26 this tragic incident and avoid further casualties and damage to civilian communities.

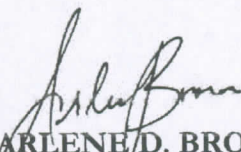
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29 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the
30 Committee on Human Rights and Committee on Muslim Affairs, jointly conduct an investigation,
31 in aid of legislation, on the May 24 Eid'l Fitr Bombing hitting civilian homes, killing 2 children and
32 injuring 12 others in Barangay Kitango, Datu Saudi Ampatuan, Maguindanao

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