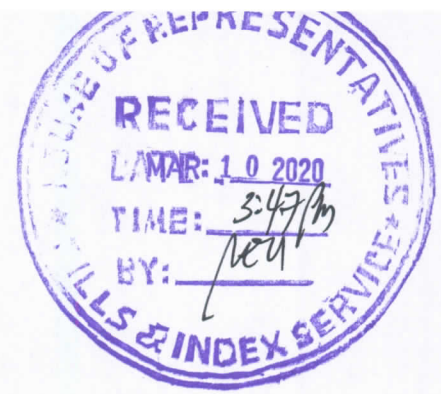


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**HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 778**



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**RESOLUTION**

**DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE VARIOUS HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS AND FORCED SURRENDER OF FARMERS AND MEMBERS OF THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES GROUP KALINGA TRIBE PERPETRATED BY ELEMENTS OF THE 17TH INFANTRY BATALLION PHILIPPINE ARMY AND THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE – CAGAYAN IN SITIO LAGUM, BRGY. LIPATAN, STO. NIÑO, CAGAYAN VALLEY, CAGAYAN PROVINCE**

**WHEREAS**, Sitio Lagum is home to more than 200 Kalinga farmers. Their primary livelihood is farming. Occasionally to save time, some stay in their farms for a few days. They practice “ammuyo” or collective farming to maximize farm labor and production;

**WHEREAS**, according to the report of the Cagayan Valley-based peasant group Danggayán dagiti Mannalon ti Cagayan Valley (**DANGGAYAN-CV**) the regional peasant formation of the Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas (KMP) and human rights group Karapatan –Cagayan Valley said that they recorded various rights violation perpetrated by the elements of the 17th Infantry Battalion Philippine Army (IBPA) and Philippine National Police (PNP – Cagayan) especially against the indigenous people who are members of the Kalinga Tribe in Sitio Lagum, Brgy. Lipatan, Sto. Nino, Cagayan Province;

**WHEREAS**, in the first week of February, the 17th IBPA went to the house of Juliet Lappao asking if members of the New People’s Army (NPA) visited her house. By February 14 at around 1 PM Francisco Solancho was arrested without warrant by elements of the 17<sup>th</sup> IB. The following day, the wife of Solancho together with some Barangay officials went looking for Solancho at the 17th IBPA military camp in Alcala. The group confirmed that Solancho was indeed taken to the military camp;

**WHEREAS**, on February 21, at least 35 elements of PNP-Cagayan and 17<sup>th</sup> IBPA arrived in Sitio Lagum. The next day, they waited outside the houses of Salvador Ladino and Benito Indammog

1 for their return. Residents on their way to register for NSO at the barangay center were stopped  
2 and ordered to return in Sitio Lagum;

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4 **WHEREAS**, the 17<sup>th</sup> IBPA and PNP-Cagayan hold camp at the houses, local school and at the  
5 community chapel. The police and military are monitoring local residents closely, constantly asking  
6 for their whereabouts - where they go, what they do - keeping track of the number of hours the  
7 residents are away from their houses. There are instances that the military had prohibited local  
8 residents to go tend to their farms;

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10 **WHEREAS**, red-tagging took its peak when the 17<sup>th</sup> IBPA and PNP Cagayan organized a forum  
11 which invited members of the Kalinga Tribe and they were asked to 'surrender' their fire arms as  
12 the soldiers claimed they are part of the so-called Milisayang Bayan or people's militia and NPA  
13 supporter. Also, during the meeting, the soldiers were also looking for the whereabouts of the  
14 leaders of the Lagum Farmers' Association, a local peasant organization;

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16 **WHEREAS**, the groups claimed that human right violations (threat, harassment and intimidation;  
17 coercion; violation of domicile; use of schools, religious and other public place for military use)  
18 are results of the "re-tooled" Community Support Program Operations (CSPO) aids in the  
19 implementation of the Enhanced Comprehensive Local Integration (E-CLIP). Surrendered  
20 firearms are exchanged with monetary rewards. This is conducted by the Armed Forces of the  
21 Philippines (AFP) in "NPA-infested" areas across the nation under the Duterte government. In  
22 fact, Sitio Lagum, Brgy. Lipatan, have visited by the state forces in three occasions in 2015, 2016  
23 and in 2020, doing the same operation;

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25 **WHEREAS**, the Kalinga people are pleading for help to eject the military in their community,  
26 they want a stop to the militarization of their community as it is disrupting their livelihood and  
27 way of life. Hunger is imminent if the military operation will continue to prevent them from  
28 practicing "ammuyo".

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30 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the  
31 Committee on Human Rights to conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation on the various human  
32 rights violations including the forced surrender of farmers and members of the indigenous peoples  
33 group Kalinga Tribe by elements of the 17<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion (IBPA) and the Philippine National  
34 Police – Cagayan in Sitio Lagum, Brgy. Lipatan, Sto. Niño, Cagayan Valley, Cagayan Province.



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