



THIRD REGULAR SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 166

RESOLUTION URGING THE MINISTRY OF BASIC, HIGHER, AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (MBHTE), BANGSAMORO HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (BHRC), MINISTRY OF PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY (MPOS), AND THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MILG) TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE SUPPORT TO MINDANAO STATE UNIVERSITY AND OTHER LOCAL INSTITUTIONS IN BRINGING JUSTICE TO THE FAMILIES OF SLAIN STUDENTS ZINAL OMAR AND HAMZA RAUF AND THEREBY STRENGTHENING THE PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY OF MSU SYSTEM

WHEREAS, Zinal Omar and Hamza Rauf, students at the Mindanao State University, were gunned down on the evening of September 14, 2021, by unidentified assailants near the graduate school building in Marawi campus;

WHEREAS, Zinal and Rauf have been identified as coming from Taraka, Lanao Del Sur and Baloj, Lanao Del Norte and enrolled at the College of Engineering and College of Sports, Physical Education and Recreation, respectively;

WHEREAS, investigations are ongoing as Brig. Gen. Eden Ugale, Director of the Police Regional Office-Bangsamoro Autonomous Region, has directed the Marawi City police to commence the immediate investigation into the case;

WHEREAS, similar previous incidents of violence and murder within Mindanao State University have remained unresolved, prompting both students and educators to fear for their safety;

WHEREAS, it is the mandate of the Bangsamoro Government, through the Ministry of Basic, Higher, and Technical Education, to provide safe learning spaces for all students, as provided for in Section 36 (b), Chapter 1, Book I of the Bangsamoro Education Code (BAA 18):

(b) Promote and safeguard the welfare and interest of the students by defining their rights and obligations, according to their privileges, and encouraging the establishment of good relationships between them and the other members of the school community;

WHEREAS, Sections 20, Chapter 1, Title XVII, Book VI of the Bangsamoro Administrative Code (BAA 13), stipulates that the Bangsamoro Human Rights Commission has the following powers and functions, among others:

Sec. 20. Powers and Functions. *In the fulfillment of its mandate, the Commission shall exercise the following powers and functions:*

- a) Promote human rights through education and training, public awareness and publications;*
- b) Protect human rights and uphold international humanitarian law through conducting investigations, monitoring, fact-finding missions, and public inquiries, reporting the results of the same, and proceeding with prosecution when warranted;*

WHEREAS, the Ministry of Public Order and Safety are responsible for public safety and all functions relating to maintaining peace and order in the region, as provided for in the Bangsamoro Administrative Code:

Sec. 2. Mandate. The Ministry of Public Order and Safety (MPOS) shall be responsible for public safety. It shall have coordinative function with offices and agencies that maintain public order and safety in the region, and shall perform functions relating to peace building, reconciliation, and unification of all the peoples of the region.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority, to urge the Ministry of Basic, Higher, and Technical Education (MBHTE), Bangsamoro Human Rights Commission (BHRC), Ministry of Public Order and Safety (MPOS), and the Ministry of the Interior and Local Government (MILG) to provide appropriate support to Mindanao State University and other local institutions in bringing justice to the families of slain students Zinal Omar and Hamza Rauf and thereby strengthening the public order and safety of MSU system.

RESOLVED FURTHER, to forward this Resolution to the offices of the MBHTE, BHRC, MPOS and MILG, for information and appropriate consideration.

ADOPTED, Safar 13, 1443/September 21, 2021.

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