



**THIRD REGULAR SESSION**

**RESOLUTION NO. 199**

**RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE AMBUSH OF BASILAN MAYORS  
DARUSSALAM LAJID OF AL-BARKA AND ALIH SALIH OF AKBAR,  
EXPRESSING DEEP SORROW AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO  
THE FAMILIES OF SLAIN DARUSSALAM LAJID AND NURRUDIN  
BARAD, AND CALLING ON LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES  
TO CONDUCT THOROUGH INVESTIGATION ON THIS GRAVE ACT  
OF LAWLESSNESS**

**WHEREAS**, an ambush was staged by unidentified gunmen against two mayors from the Province of Basilan on December 26, 2021;

**WHEREAS**, the Zamboanga City Police Office said the two mayors were attacked by four assailants onboard motorcycles in a seaside village in Barangay Baliwasan, Zamboanga City;

**WHEREAS**, the attack has led to the death of Darussalam Lajid, mayor of Al-Barka, and Barad Nuruddin, a security aide; and wounding of Alih Salih, mayor of Akbar, and his two security aides;

**WHEREAS**, the attack came at a time when our country and our Bangsamoro region are preparing to engage in a democratic electoral exercise this coming May 2022 where our constituents would freely elect their local and national officials;

**WHEREAS**, evil designs and lawlessness has no place in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM);

**WHEREAS**, the act of killing is an affront to our dearly held respect for human rights and must immediately be investigated. We call for holistic investigation to unravel the motive and circumstances surrounding the unfortunate murder. We appeal to Zamboanga City Police Office to take over the investigation to ensure it is conducted thoroughly;

**WHEREAS**, we express our deepest condolences to the people that Mayor Darussalam Saguindilan Lajid and Barad Nuruddin left behind – their immediate families and constituents in Zamboanga City;

**WHEREAS**, the Bangsamoro Government reaffirms its commitment to justice, maintenance of peace and order, and preservation of comfort and convenience of its inhabitants:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it

**RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority, to condemn the ambush of Basilan Mayors Darussalam Lajid of Al-Barka and Alih Salih of Akbar.

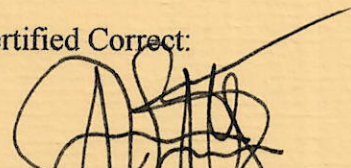
**RESOLVED FURTHER**, to express deep sorrow and sincere condolences to the families of slain Darussalam Lajid and Nurruddin Barad.

**RESOLVED FURTHERMORE**, to call on law enforcement authorities to conduct thorough investigation on this grave act of lawlessness.

**RESOLVED, FINALLY**, to forward the foregoing Resolution to the Office of the Chief Minister-BARMM, Chief of Philippine National Police, the Police Regional Office of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region, Zamboanga City Police Office, and the family of the slain victims, for their information and appropriate action.


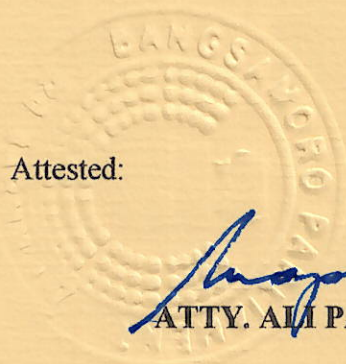
**ADOPTED**, Jumada Al-Ula 17, 1443/December 22, 2021.

Certified Correct:



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Attested:



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Speaker

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