


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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTABILITY OF PUBLIC OFFICERS & INVESTIGATION (BLUE RIBBON) TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, IN THE ALLEGED IRREGULARITIES AND ANOMALIES ADOPTED BY THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE'S (PNP'S) IN THEIR PROCUREMENT PROCESSES IN VIOLATION OF THE PROCUREMENT LAW PARTICULARLY IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THEIR MODERNIZATION PROGRAM

Whereas, the Philippine National police (PNP) is mandated by the Constitution and by law, as the instrument of the State in the exercise of its police power, to protect and secure the people against all forms of criminality and preserve peace and order in society;

Whereas, in the discharge of its mandate, the PNP trains its rank and file personnel and officers, forms special and tactical units and equip them with weaponry and gadgetry at par with the technological advancements in the field in order that they may be placed in the highest possible levels of preparedness and capability;

Whereas, to realize these objectives, on March 2008, Malacañang under then President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo approved a Ten (10) Billion PNP Modernization Program, with an annual provision of Two Billion (2) Billion Pesos for five years, intended primarily for the capability enhancement of the PNP;

Whereas, the PNP was much criticized due to the bungled rescue operation during the hostage taking incident in Manila last August 23, 2010, where eight (8) Chinese Nationals were killed, because of their apparent ill-preparedness, inability and lack of proper equipment which arguably contributed to the bloody aftermath of the incident;

Whereas, taken into context the budgetary provisions of the PNP and the high degree of professionalism expected from the police force, an investigation on how the allocated funds, particularly the annual provision of Two Billion (2) Billion Pesos for the PNP Modernization Program, were disbursed and utilized by the PNP is in order for the purpose of determining if corrective and remedial measures are needed to avoid a repeat of similar unfortunate incidents in the future;

Whereas, there is also a need to investigate on how the PNP utilize their Modernization funds in the light of several irregularities in their purchase of various equipment particularly the purchase of alleged overpriced and unusable rubber boats and outboard motor engines in the amount of P 131.5 Million, the overpriced purchase

of P 92.6 million worth of patrol boats, the P 300 million plus anomaly in the repair of V150 Armored Personnel Carriers (APCs) and the illegal purchase of two supposedly brand-new Light Police Operational Helicopters, which is now being investigated by the Senate;


Whereas, there is a pattern of anomalies and irregularities in the procurement processes of the PNP especially in the implementation of the multi-billion pesos Modernization Program of the PNP which must be looked into in order to determine whether this pattern of anomalies and irregularities in the procurement processes is now an institutionalized mode in the PNP;

Whereas, there is also a need to know how the PNP is implementing its modernization program in the light of these irregularities and how it is spending the taxpayers' money which should be used for their protection and safety;

Whereas, there is a need to determine what corrective and remedial measures are necessary to prevent these anomalies from being repeated and institute reforms to strengthen the procurement laws. **NOW THEREFORE**;

BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate of the Philippines to direct, as it hereby directs, the Senate Blue Ribbon Committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the utilization of the funds for the Modernization Program of the PNP and the alleged irregularities and anomalies in the PNP procurement processes particularly in the implementation of its Modernization Program with the end in view of determining what corrective and remedial measures are necessary to prevent these anomalies from being repeated and institute reforms to further strengthen the procurement laws.

Adopted,


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