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RESOLUTION

**DIRECTING THE COMMITTEES ON AGRARIAN REFORM
AND HUMAN RIGHTS TO CONDUCT A JOINT INQUIRY, IN AID OF
LEGISLATION, ON THE OCTOBER 20, 2018 MASSACRE OF NINE FARM
WORKERS, INSIDE HAC. NENE, PUROK FIRE TREE, BRGY. BULANON, SAGAY
CITY, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL**

WHEREAS, the 75-ha Hac. Nene, Sagay City, Negros Occidental is owned by Mrs. Carmen Tolentino, the said agricultural land according to farm workers' group National Federation of Sugar Workers (NFSW) was leased by Bacolod City-based Conpinco Trading;

WHEREAS, in the morning of October 20, farm workers under the NFSW entered the hacienda to cultivate the land. In Negros, farm workers usually do this during "tiempos muerte" when the sugar crops are already harvested, the land turns idle and the farm workers get desperate in searching for sources to feed their families. The farm workers according to the NFSW were sugar farm workers of Hac. Nene for years;

WHEREAS, according to the survivors and initial police report, at around 9:30PM, around 40 armed men arrived and open fired in the direction of the sugar workers who were then resting in their makeshift tent. The sugar workers scampered, some tried to hide behind a pile of sacks;

WHEREAS, when the firing stopped, 9 of the sugar workers fell dead. They were:

- Eglicerio Villegas, 36, Morena Mendoza, Marchtel Sumicad, 17 and Angelipe Arsenal of Brgy. Bulanon;
- An Alias Pater, Dodong Laurencio, Neknek Dumaguit, Bingbing Bantigue of Brgy Plaridel; and

- Joemarie Ughayon Jr., 17 of Barangay Rafaela Barrera

WHEREAS, according to initial reports of the police, the victims suffered multiple gunshot wounds, three of the victims identified as alias Morena Mendoza, NecNec Dumaguit and Bingbing Bantigue were burned by the armed suspects;

WHEREAS, two of the victims were minors and three were women;

WHEREAS, under the Duterte government, peasant-victims of extra judicial killings (EJK) in Negros Occidental and Oriental have numbered to forty four. Before the Sagay City massacre, Flora Jemola, chairperson of NFSW-Sagay City was killed on December 21, 2017 in an LCA area in Hda. Susan Brgy. Poblacion 1 Sagay City. She suffered 13 stab wounds perpetrated by suspected elements of SCAA/CAFGU under the 12th IB of the Philippine Army. This was followed by the killing of Ronald Manlanat, a member of a local chapter of NFSW in Hacienda Joefred, Barangay General Luna, Sagay City, on February 21, 2018 also perpetrated by suspected elements of SCAA/CAFGU under the 12th IB of the Philippine Army.


WHEREAS, on April 20, 2018 Brigadier General Eliezer Losañes, 303rd commanding officer of the Philippine Army reported that the land cultivation areas (LCA's) being maintained by agricultural sugar workers and farmers in Negros Island are in fact New People's Army (NPA) rebels communal farms,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Committees on Agrarian Reform and Human Rights to conduct a joint inquiry, in aid of legislation on the October 20, 2018 massacre of nine farm workers inside Hac. Nene, Purok Fire tree, Brgy. Bulanon, Sagay City, Negros Occidental

Adopted,


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