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P.S. Res. No. 99

Introduced by SENATOR SHERWIN T. GATCHALIAN

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE STATUS OF MARAWI CITY RECONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXPEDITING ITS IMPLEMENTATION AND ENSURING THAT PROPER RELIEF IS PROVIDED TO INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS

WHEREAS, on May 23, 2017, the Maute extremist group staged an uprising in Marawi City, killing civilians and military personnel and damaging several properties and government infrastructure;

WHEREAS, on the same day, President Rodrigo Duterte issued Proclamation No. 216, declaring a state of Martial Law and suspending the privilege of the Writ of Habeas Corpus in the whole of Mindanao;

WHEREAS, the same Proclamation has detailed that government and private facilities, including educational institutions, have been burned down by the attack, the rebel groups have facilitated the escape of inmates of the City Jail, set patrol cars on fire, cut vital lines for transportation and power, hostages were taken, several people killed – showing that *"through these groups armed siege and acts of violence directed towards civilians and government authorities,*

institutions and establishments, the Maute group were able to take control of major social, economic and political foundations of Marawi City which led to its paralysis¹”;

WHEREAS, the image of Marawi City after the carnage depicts of a war-torn settlement with most of the buildings and homes of residents in inhabitable state of waste and damage, major roads and thoroughfares are pocked with bullet-ridden holes, uprooted plants and trees and destruction of power lines;

WHEREAS, on June 28, 2017, President Rodrigo Duterte issued Administrative Order No. 3, creating an Inter-Agency Task Force (***Task Force Bangon Marawi***) for the recovery, reconstruction and rehabilitation of Marawi City;

WHEREAS, on October 17, 2017, President Rodrigo Duterte declared the liberation of Marawi City from the Maute rebels but it took over a year and several postponements before the Task Force Bangon Marawi held its groundbreaking rites for the rehabilitation of Ground Zero on October 30, 2018;

WHEREAS, it was reported that as of March 2019, around 12,700 families or around 70,000 individuals out of 360,000 who were forced to flee Marawi in May 2017 continue to suffer in evacuation sites and transitional shelters²;

WHEREAS, the Commission on Audit found in its annual report on the Office of the Civil Defense that at the end of 2018, a total of Php36.92 Million had been donated for the victims of the Marawi siege;

WHEREAS, out of the total donated funds of Php36.92 Million, only Php10,000.00 was utilized as financial assistance to only one beneficiary, and

¹ Paragraph 2, Page 3 of the President's Report Relative to Proclamation No. 216 dated 25 May 2017.

² <https://www.mindanews.com/special-reports/2019/04/nearly-18-months-after-liberation-marawi-has-yet-to-rise-from-the-ashes-of-war/>

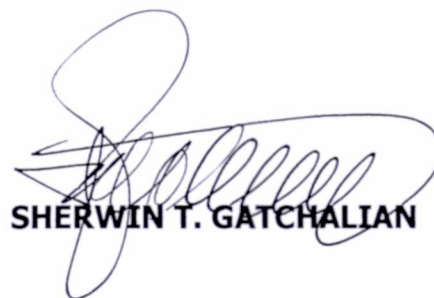
this clearly shows that donations were not utilized to provide for the much needed support of the Marawi Siege victims³;

WHEREAS, Task Force Bangon Marawi has been tasked to implement the comprehensive rehabilitation program and provide the immediate needs of the internally displaced persons and yet, almost three years since the liberation, the ground zero residents are still lamenting the long wait to return to their houses;

WHEREAS, it is imperative for Congress to determine the status of Marawi City reconstruction and rehabilitation program to identify and resolve all issues that slow down the progress of its implementation and ensure that all available resources are being utilized for the benefit of the residents and the internally displaced persons whose lives were primarily and adversely affected by the siege;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Philippines, to direct the appropriate Senate Committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the status of Marawi City reconstruction and rehabilitation program for the purpose of expediting its implementation and ensuring that proper relief is provided to internally displaced persons.

Adopted,



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³ <https://www.coa.gov.ph/index.php/national-government-agencies/2018/category/7506-department-of-national-defense>