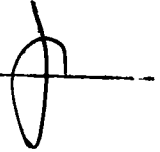


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RESOLUTION

**STRONGLY CONDEMNING THE SENSELESS AND HEINOUS BOMBING
AT THE DIMAPORO GYMNASIUM OF THE MINDANAO STATE
UNIVERSITY IN MARAWI CITY AND URGING THE PHILIPPINE
NATIONAL POLICE, ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND
OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES TO UNDERTAKE
NECESSARY STEPS IN ENSURING THE SAFETY OF THE CITIZENS
AND MITIGATE FURTHER SIMILAR ATTACKS, WITH THE END VIEW
OF ATTAINING OVERALL PEACE AND JUSTICE FOR ALL VICTIMS**

1 **WHEREAS**, at least four (4) people have been killed and a number were
2 injured over the recent heinous bombing at a state-run Mindanao State
3 University that happened during a mass on Sunday morning of December 3,
4 2023¹;

5 **WHEREAS**, the act of violence that occurred during a religious activity,
6 particularly on a Holy Mass held to celebrate the First Sunday of Advent is
7 deeply appalling and deemed as a ruthless assault on humanity;

8 **WHEREAS**, the senseless attack affected mostly students and faculty of
9 the said University who were at that time congregated for prayer and peace;

¹ Rappler, Marcos condemns MSU explosion, blames 'foreign terrorists', 3 December 2023, https://www.rappler.com/nation/mindanao/ferdinand-marcos-jr-statement-mindanao-state-university-explosion/?cx_testId=2&cx_testVariant=cx_1&cx_artPos=1&cx_experienceId=EX4CPN0G1RJL#cxrecs_s

1 **WHEREAS**, the brazen killings are not only an attack against the
2 innocent victims and their families, but transcend the very essence of our
3 humanity, such as peace, unity, understanding and respect for diverse beliefs,
4 which are being nurtured among the learners of the very institution where it
5 happened;

6 **WHEREAS**, state universities shall continue to be safe spaces for
7 learning and dialogue for our learners and faculty members. Thus, it is
8 imperative that we actively work together to cultivate an atmosphere where we
9 celebrate our diversity, resolve our conflicts through dialogue, promote
10 academic freedom and rally against violence that threatens peace in our
11 communities and sows discord in our efforts to build a humane and inclusive
12 society;

13 **WHEREAS**, reports that the attack is believed to be a retaliation from
14 the terrorist and extremist groups as the military launched successive offensives
15 against the Islamic State (IS) – linked Daulah – Maute Group which led to the
16 neutralization of its ranking leaders² is alarming, and such calls for a swift but
17 thorough investigation of the incident;

18 **WHEREAS**, the prime duty of the State is to serve and protect the
19 people as well as to maintain peace and order and promote protection of life
20 and general welfare of the people;

21 **WHEREAS**, the Senate of the Philippines, in the strongest sense, urging
22 all law enforcement agencies to exert all efforts to prevent and mitigate similar
23 occurrences and exert all means to help and augment attainment of justice to
24 all affected personalities.

2 Manila Bulletin, AFP chief sees retaliatory attack in Marawi Bombing, 3 December 2024,
<https://mb.com.ph/2023/12/3/afp-chief-sees-retaliatory-attack-in-marawi-bombing>

1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY**
2 **RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES,** to strongly condemn
3 the senseless and heinous bombing at the Dimaporo Gymnasium of the
4 Mindanao State University in Marawi City, as well as urge all law enforcement
5 agencies to ensure safety for all citizens with the end goal of attaining justice
6 to all affected persons.

Adopted,



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