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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2305

Introduced by Honorable Representatives
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RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND GENDER EQUALITY TO IMMEDIATELY CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE RISING CASES OF RAPE AND SEXUAL ABUSE PERPETRATED BY POLICE OFFICERS

WHEREAS, Chapter IV, Section 9 of the Republic Act 9710 or the Magna Carta of Women states that, “the State shall ensure that all women shall be protected from all forms of violence as provided for in existing laws. Agencies of government shall give priority to the defense and protection of women against gender-based offenses and help women attain justice and healing”;

WHEREAS, rape is considered a crime against persons. It is the most abhorrent form of sexual abuse and therefore, brings lifetime traumas to the victims;

WHEREAS, amid the raging crisis, aggravated by the pandemic, there is a constant spike of police abuses on women and children;

WHEREAS, based on initial reports, Police Staff Sergeant Robin Mangada allegedly raped a 26-year-old female motorcycle rider in Pampanga City on October 8;

WHEREAS, Mangada, who was manning the checkpoint in Mabalacat Town on October 8, accosted a female motorcycle rider for driving without a license. Instead of imposing sanctions, Mangada laid hold of the motorcycle key and demanded the victim to ride his car. He eventually took her to a motel where the rape happened;

WHEREAS, on August 2021, Elmer Tuazon Jr., a novice police officer, and Armando Dimaculangan, a marshal team leader, accosted a 19-year-old woman at a checkpoint in Mariveles, Bataan for allegedly violating quarantine protocols;

WHEREAS, the two suspects brought the victim to Tuazon’s boarding house where they took turns in molesting her;

WHEREAS, according to the Center for Women's Resources, from March to October 2020, the height of enhanced community quarantine in the country, there were five cases of rape and sexual assault perpetrated by police forces;
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Source: Center for Women's Resources Monitoring

**WHEREAS**, on 2020, sex-for-pass scheme, wherein police and military officers who were manning quarantine checkpoints sexually abused women to pass the borders, have been reported;

**WHEREAS**, on 2017, President Duterte, in a speech to soldiers of Mindanao Island, said, “If you had raped three, I will admit it, that's on me.”;

**WHEREAS**, President Duterte’s sexist, misogynist, and rape remarks permit the police and the military to commit sexual abuse and other forms of violence against women and children;

**WHEREAS**, based on Center for Women’s Resources, “there have been 56 police officers who have been involved in 33 cases of abuse against women, including 16 cases of rape during the first two years of President Duterte in office, from July 2016 to March 2018”;

**WHEREAS**, in many instances, suspects for violence against women and children were not held accountable or were only given light sanctions especially if perpetrators have power and position. Furthermore, justice has been slow for rape victims;

**WHEREAS**, two police officers who were suspects on the rape-slay case of Fabel Pineda, a 15-year-old girl, had only been arrested after a year;

**WHEREAS**, there is an urgent need to impose stiffer penalties to men in uniform committing violence against women and children. It should be included on the final version of the amendments to the Purpose Act No. 3185, 1997 Anti-Rape Law, and Special Protection of Children against Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination Act;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the House Committee on Women and Gender Equality immediately conduct an investigation, in aid of legislation, on the rising cases of rape and sexual abuse perpetrated by police officers.

Adopted,
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