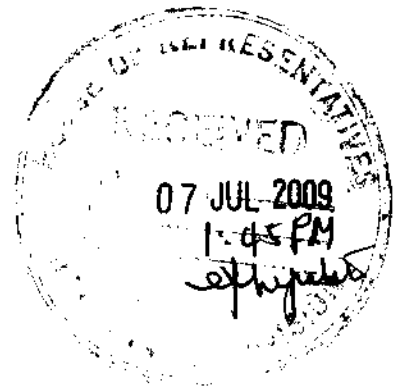


Republic of the Philippines  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City

**FOURTEENTH CONGRESS**  
Second Regular Session

House Resolution - 1257



---

Introduced by Gabriela Women's Party Rep. LIZA LARGOZA MAZA

---

**RESOLUTION**

**DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE STRING OF BOMB-RELATED INCIDENTS IN MAGUINDANAO, COTABATO CITY AND PARTS OF METRO MANILA, WITH THE END VIEW OF RECOMMENDING POLICY MEASURES TO ENSURE PUBLIC SECURITY AND SAFETY**

**WHEREAS**, the latest reports state that at least 5 people were killed and 45 were wounded yesterday, 5 July 2009, in a bomb explosion outside the Cotabato Immaculate Conception Cathedral in Cotabato City;

**WHEREAS**, it was also reported that at least three people were killed as a powerful improvised explosive device (IED) exploded at Barangay Poblacion of Datu Piang in Maguindanao last July 4, 2009;

**WHEREAS**, an improvised explosive device also exploded at the premises of the Office of the Ombudsman in Quezon City and C-4 bombs were also found at the Department of Agriculture and outside a condominium building along Katipunan Avenue in Quezon City last week;

**WHEREAS**, no group has claimed responsibility for the Cotabato explosion yet the leadership of the Armed Forces of the Philippines through its spokesperson Lt. Col. Romeo Brawner quickly blamed the bombings to the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) who allegedly targeted soldiers from the 38<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion who were passing by the area aboard a van;

**WHEREAS**, the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) through its media director Msgr. Pedro Quitorio expressed alarm over the spate of bombings and described the incidents as "pathetic";

**WHEREAS**, these wave of security threats has been widely viewed by critics of the administration as those resembling the scenario in the days leading to the declaration of Martial Law and linked to efforts to create chaos to prompt the declaration of a state of emergency and extend President Gloria Arroyo's stay in Malacanang;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the House of Representatives Committee on Public Order and Safety to Conduct an Investigation, in aid of legislation, into the string of bomb-related incidents in Maguindanao, Cotabato City and parts of Metro Manila with the end view of recommending policy measures to ensure public security.

Adopted,

*Liza L. Maza*  
REP/LIZA LARGOZA-MAZA