

**REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Quezon City, Metro Manila**

**FOURTEENTH CONGRESS  
Third Regular Session**

**House Resolution No. 1411**

**INTRODUCED BY KABATAAN PARTY-LIST REP. RAYMOND V. PALATINO**

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**A RESOLUTION**

**DIRECTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ABDUCTION OF NORIEL RODRIGUEZ, A MEMBER OF THE YOUTH ORGANIZATION ANAKBAYAN-NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION, IN SITIO STA. ISABEL, BARANGAY TAPEL, GONZAGA, CAGAYAN ALLEGEDLY BY MEMBERS OF THE 17<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY BRIGADE OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES IN THE PROVINCE OF CAGAYAN**

**WHEREAS**, according to a recent report of Karapatan-Cagayan, the provincial arm of a national human rights advocacy group, Noriel Rodriguez, 26 years old and a resident of 2526 Callejon 7, Sta. Ana, Manila, was forcibly taken by four unidentified armed men around five o'clock in the afternoon on September 7, 2009 in Sitio Sta. Isable, Barangay Tapel, Gonzaga Cagayan;

**WHEREAS**, Rodriguez, who is an active member of a militant youth organization, ANAKBAYAN-National Capital Region, was in the province of Cagayan for a peasant integration program that involves volunteering for medical missions, teaching literacy classes and organizing farmers.

**WHEREAS**, Rodriguez has not been heard from since his disappearance last September 7, 2009;

**WHEREAS**, it is alleged by Anakbayan and Karapatan-Cagayan that the four still unidentified armed men who forcibly took Rodriguez are members of the 17<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) based in the province of Cagayan;

**WHEREAS**, Rodriguez is the fifteenth member of Anakbayan who had either been abducted or killed under the present administration of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo. Among the fifteen are Karen Empeno and Sherlyn Cadapan, both students of the University of the Philippines, who are missing to this day;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that the House Committee on Justice immediately conduct an investigation, in aid of legislation, on the abduction of Noriel Rodriguez last

September 7, 2009 in Sitio Sta. Isabel, Barangay Tapel, Gonzaga, Cagayan allegedly by members of the 17<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade of the Armed Forces of the Philippines in the Province of Cagayan.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the same committee look into all unresolved cases of enforced disappearances and abductions allegedly perpetrated by members of the military under the current administration to urgently address the alarming culture of impunity as regards human rights violations in the country.

Adopted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Palatino', written over a horizontal line.

Rep. Raymond V. Palatino  
KABATAAN Party-list