

The PCOO Must End Terrorist-Tagging of House Members
House Minority Manifesto
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The House Minority stands united in the pursuit of peace and justice in our country. We uphold the Filipino core values and the exercise of basic human rights and liberties enshrined in our constitution.

The House of Representatives is composed of elected public servants mandated to legislate laws and reforms that benefit the welfare of the citizenry and the whole country.

Congress is currently deliberating the proposed 2021 National Budget, and, as members coming from the Minority, we do our utmost to effectively and constructively scrutinize the same, even to the last centavo, when possible, if only to make it responsive to the primordial needs of our people and country, especially in this crisis aggravated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

However, these past days, the proposed budget briefing of the Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO) became a cause of grave concern for the House Minority.

The PCOO has made use of its resources to peddle fake news, disinformation, and attacks on critics and the opposition, in an attempt to curtail dissent. In particular, it has issued numerous statements in various media platforms falsely tagging as terrorists the members of the Makabayan bloc, who are members of the House Minority.

At the forefront of these attacks is PCOO Usec. Lorraine Badoy. Her actions as an appointed government official does not uphold the basic Filipino core values and deliberately disrespects elected public officials who were mandated to serve their constituencies. These relentless attacks of Usec. Badoy through her social media platforms, which even incited her followers to issue threats of harm against sitting members of the House, are not acceptable to the Minority, and, we will not take it in stride or sitting down.

We demand the following:

1. that the PCOO and all its officials and personnel take down all its social and other media posts that disrespect and slander the House members belonging to the Makabayan Bloc.
2. that the PCOO issue a public apology for this grave misconduct against them.
3. And finally, the removal of Usec. Badoy from her post, as she does not embody the proper conduct of a civil servant. Usec. Badoy's malicious terrorist tagging of the Makabayan bloc Representatives are putting in jeopardy, not only the security, but more importantly the lives of sitting members of the House.

As we consider the budget of PCOO, it should commit to take necessary and immediate measures to hold itself accountable. It should make sure that the PCOO platform will not be used to propagate misinformation and incite hate and violence against critics of the administration. The PCOO should take down all social media posts that attack groups and individuals for criticizing government policies.


The 2021 Proposed National Budget should revolve around the pertinent issues of health, education, social services, and economic recovery.

We are still under the public health and economic crises brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic. Government agencies and their officials are expected to serve the Filipino people and prioritize their welfare at all times.

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