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The Anti-Terrorism Bill: A Tool to Legitimize Repression and Undermine Human Rights (A statement of concerned faculty and staff of the UP Manila)

We, the faculty and staff of the University of the Philippines Manila, are one with the Filipino people in opposing the Anti-Terrorism Bill of 2020 which has been passed by both houses of the Philippine Congress. We firmly believe that the Anti-Terrorism Bill will be used as a tool to legitimize repression, institutionalize and intensify human rights violations in the country.

The concerns and apprehensions of various sectors of Philippine society, including the international community like the United Nations Human Rights Office (<https://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2020/06/04/world/asia/ap-as-philippines-anti-terror-law.html>) and the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (<https://www.rappler.com/nation/262905-united-nations-report-raises-concern-problematic-philippine-anti-terror-bill>) on the Anti-Terrorism Bill are well founded. These emanate from the highly questionable and problematic provisions of the bill (HB 6875), namely:

1. Section 4: Expanded definition of terrorism to wit: *acts intended to cause death or serious bodily injury to any person, or endangers a person's life; acts intended to cause extensive damage or destruction to a government or public facility, public place or private property; act intended to cause extensive interference with, damage or destruction to critical infrastructure* (http://www.congress.gov.ph/legisdocs/first_18/CR00340.pdf). Although advocacy and political mass actions or gatherings like rallies, demonstrations, pickets, strikes, etc. are excluded in the definition of terrorism, there is a proviso that these activities should not put at risk public safety, a condition which can be defined by State authorities. The power to determine who is a terrorist individual, terrorist organization/group, a terrorist supporter, terrorist accessory, is placed in the hands of the State.
2. Section 16: Legalization of surveillance activities and recording of communications with a written order from the Court of Appeals to wit: *tracking down, following, investigating individuals or organizations; or tapping, listening, intercepting & recording of messages, conversations, discussions, written or spoken word,*

including computer and network surveillance, and other communications of individuals engaged in terrorism, for a period of 60 days but may be extended or renewed for another 30 days

(http://www.congress.gov.ph/legisdocs/first_18/CR00340.pdf).

3. Section 29: Warrantless arrest and detention of suspected terrorists for a period of 14 days and can be extended up to a maximum period of 10 days or a total of 24 days. (http://www.congress.gov.ph/legisdocs/first_18/CR00340.pdf).
4. Section 34: Restriction of the right to travel of an individual even prior to the filing of a formal charge through the application of a precautionary hold departure order (PHDO) issued by a court.
5. Deletion of the punishment imposed on State agents/agencies if suspected terrorist is acquitted or charges dismissed as stipulated in RA 9372: Human Security Act of 2007, Section 41. Under the existing law, State agents whether law enforcement agents and/or the military are mandated to pay the falsely accused individual/s P500,000 per day of detention each. The amount shall be taken from the appropriation of the agency of the State agents which filed the case/s against the individual/s
(https://www.lawphil.net/statutes/repacts/ra2007/ra_9372_2007.html).

Under a government that does not tolerate criticism, vindictive in nature, authoritarian in its governance style, and that relies on State violence in addressing the country's problems, the passage into law of the Anti-Terrorism bill, certified as urgent by the President, will surely be used by the government in silencing and crashing its critics, and suppressing dissent and opposition. The very broad definition of terrorism gives too much discretion to State authorities in defining activities deemed as "terrorist" and illegal. The proposed law is highly dangerous and subject to abuse. Any activity considered inimical to the interests, stability and security of State officials and their families could be labeled illegal.

The rights to free speech, expression and peaceful assembly, rights to association and privacy, and the right to due process will be under attack and seriously violated when the Anti-Terrorism Act of 2020 is in place.

We call on the members of the Philippine Congress to junk the Anti-Terrorism Bill, and instead address the country's pressing crises of the global pandemic, hunger, poverty, and social injustice.

Junk the Anti-Terrorism Bill!
Defend human rights and a life in dignity!

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