

Anti-Terrorism Council

Resolution Number 21 (2021)

**DESIGNATING THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC FRONT (NDF) ALSO KNOWN AS THE
NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC FRONT OF THE PHILIPPINES (NDFP)
AS A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION/ASSOCIATION**

WHEREAS, it is a declared policy of the State to protect life, liberty, and property from acts of terrorism, to condemn terrorism as inimical and dangerous to the national security of the country and to the welfare of the people, and to make terrorism a crime against the Filipino people, against humanity, and against the law of nations;

WHEREAS, Section 45 of Republic Act No. 11479, or the Anti-Terrorism Act of 2020 (ATA), created the Anti-Terrorism Council (ATC) to implement the ATA and assume the responsibility for the proper and effective implementation of the policies of the country against terrorism;

WHEREAS, paragraph 3, Section 25 of the ATA states that "the ATC may designate an individual, group of persons, organization, or association, whether domestic or foreign, upon a finding of probable cause that the individual, group of persons, organization, or association commit, or attempt to commit, or conspire in the commission of the acts defined and penalized under Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12";

WHEREAS, designation plays a critical role in the fight against terrorism and is an effective means to eliminate, prevent or suppress the financing of terrorist acts, the provision of support to entities and persons involved

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in terrorist acts, the recruitment of members of terrorist groups, and the supply of weapons to terrorists;

WHEREAS, the NDF also known as (a.k.a.) NDFP is organized, controlled, acting on behalf of or at the direction of, and operated by the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) -- a designated terrorist organization, association and/or group of persons under ATC Resolution No. 12 (2020);

WHEREAS, the NDF a.k.a. NDFP, an integral and inseparable part of the CPP/NPA, was created in April 1973 upon the initiative of the CPP, and the 2016 CPP Constitution shows that the communist terrorist threat is organized into three major components, the CPP, the NPA and the NDF a.k.a. NDFP;

WHEREAS, Article IX of the 2016 CPP Constitution shows the command, lead and guidance of the CPP over the NPA, while Article X shows that the NDF a.k.a. NDFP is the core and most consolidated group that provides support to the armed and organizational expansion of the CPP/NPA;

WHEREAS, the connection and/or linkage of the NDF a.k.a. NDFP with the CPP/NPA was further highlighted by CPP founder **Jose Maria Sison** – a designated terrorist under ATC Resolution No. 17 (2021) – when he identified the CPP/NPA as allied organizations of the NDF a.k.a. NDFP in his message for the NDF's 48th anniversary in April 2021, while his wife **Juliet De Lima-Sison**, who was recently named as the Interim chairperson of the NDF a.k.a. NDFP negotiating panel and also designated under ATC Resolution No. 17 (2021) as a terrorist, claimed in January 2021 that the CPP/NPA/NDF is not subject to the authority of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines or GRP as the CPP/NPA belong to the NDFP and not to the GRP;

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WHEREAS, the NDF a.k.a. NDFP's preparatory commission was created during the second plenum of the Central Committee of the CPP/NPA from January to February 1971 and was composed of various organizations and organizations that joined thereafter;

WHEREAS, the CPP posted an article on the NDF a.k.a. NDFP website ndfp.org in April 2021, encouraging the NDF a.k.a. NDFP to continue to wage campaigns to support its armed operations in the form of material and financial contribution;

WHEREAS, members of the NDF a.k.a. NDFP continue to lure and/or recruit people to join the NPA, while the CPP itself admitted and maintained, through public media releases as well as in CPP documents and revelations of former members, the direct and indispensable role of the NDF a.k.a. NDFP in its armed operations;

WHEREAS, the CPP/NPA continues to launch attacks, victimizing innocent civilians and destroying billions worth of public and private properties. Recently, the Armed Forces of the Philippines reported that at least 1,506 terrorist activities had been committed by the NPA beginning 2010, including the abduction of 544 children who were forced and/or deceived to become child warriors – 304 of them boys and 240 girls; and

WHEREAS, based on verified and validated information as well as testimonial and documentary evidence, the ATC found probable cause warranting the designation of the NDF a.k.a. NDFP as a terrorist group of persons, organization, or association for having committed, or attempting to commit, or conspire in the commission of the acts defined and penalized under Sections, 7, 10, and 12 of the ATA.

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NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the powers vested on the ATC pursuant to Section 45 of the ATA, and after finding probable cause, the ATC hereby designates the NDF a.k.a. NDFP as a terrorist organization/association.

APPROVED, this **23rd** day of **June 2021** in the City of Manila.



SALVADOR C. MEDIALDEA

Executive Secretary ²

Chairperson

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I hereby approve this Resolution No. 21 and affix my signature in accordance with the Protocol for the Signing of Anti-Terrorism Council Resolutions during the New Normal.

APPROVED, this **23rd day** of **June 2021** in the City of Quezon.



HERMOGENES C. ESPERON, JR.

National Security Adviser

Vice Chairperson

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