

BREAKING NEWS

Teachers pulled out in Basilan for fear of more kidnapping; Luistro reiterates appeal and calls on LGU for help.

The regional officials of the Department of Education in the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao said military authorities picked up teachers from three elementary schools in Lamitan, Basilan to secure them after receiving threats that more school officials will be kidnapped.

Classes in Dangkalan Elementary School, Magsaysay Elementary School and Campo Uno Elementary School were suspended following the pull out of teachers.

As of press time the fate of Baas Elementary School principal Cecilia Sosas remain uncertain following her kidnapping last November 15.

In light of this development, DepEd Secretary Br. Armin Luistro has expressed full support to the initiatives being undertaken to free Sosas and spare all teachers from any form of violence so that they can perform their duty without fearing for their lives.

He added that students and the community will be deprived of a chance to a better future if no teachers would want to be deployed in their area because of security issues.

Atty. Baratucal Caudang is the current Regional Secretary of DepEd ARMM. Cabinet line agencies have counterpart offices in the autonomous region. While they are independent of the national office, DepEd national and DepEd ARMM maintain a close working relationship on education issues.

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