



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORTS

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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MEMORANDUM FROM THE PRESIDENT DIRECTING
THE ISSUANCE OF ORDERS NECESSARY IN
ENSURING HONEST, ORDERLY AND PEACEFUL
ELECTIONS (HOPE) IN THE ARMM

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Regional Directors
School Superintendents

1. Inclosed is a copy of a Memorandum signed by the President dated August 20, 1996 directing this Office to issue all orders necessary to make adequate preparations in ensuring the holding of Honest, Orderly and Peaceful Elections (HOPE) in the ARMM. Particular attention is invited to item No. 3 wherein the DECS is mandated to effect the reshuffling of teachers serving as members of the Board of Election - Inspectors, Division Supervisors, Superintendents of schools when feasible and necessary, to shield them from any and all pressures that may be exerted in the performance of their official duties, for strict compliance.

2. In addition thereto, all teachers and school officials are hereby advised to perform their election duties with the highest degree of honesty to achieve orderly and peaceful elections.

3. For this purpose, the Regional Secretary of ARMM and the division offices under it are enjoined to disseminate this directive to concerned teachers to properly observe existing laws, rules and regulations issued by the Commission on Elections in order to safeguard the integrity of the ballots and to ensure the successful holding of elections in ARMM.

4. Please be guided accordingly.

R. T. Gloria
RICARDO T. GLORIA
Secretary

Incl.: As stated

Reference: None

Allotment: 1-2--(M.O. 1-87)

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index

under the following subjects:

✓ ELECTIONS

✓ OFFICIALS

✓ TEACHERS

MEMORANDUM -

To : The Secretary, Department of Interior and Local Government
The Secretary, Department of Finance
The Secretary, Department of Education, Culture and Sports
The Secretary, Department of National Defense

Subject : Ensuring Clean, Honest, Orderly and Peaceful Elections in the ARMM

Date : 20 August 1996

The Secretaries of the Departments of Interior and Local Government, Finance, Education, Culture and Sports and National Defense are hereby directed to issue all orders necessary for all the agencies, bureaus and personnel under their respective jurisdictions to make adequate preparations in ensuring the holding of Honest, Orderly and Peaceful Elections (HOPE), which will be credible, in the ARMM.

The orders shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

1. Ensure faithful compliance to the orders of the COMELEC in connection with their respective roles as Deputies in the conduct of the ARMM elections;
2. The Secretary of Interior and Local Government to effect the reshuffling of station commanders and provincial directors, when feasible and necessary, to shield them from any and all pressures that may be exerted in the performance of their official duties;
3. The Secretary of Finance to effect the reshuffling of the provincial and municipal treasurers, when feasible and necessary, to shield them from any and all pressures that may be exerted in the performance of their official duties;
4. The Secretary of Education, Culture and Sports to effect the reshuffling of teachers serving as members of the Board of Election Inspectors, Division Supervisors and Superintendents of Schools, when feasible and necessary, to shield them from any and all pressures that may be exerted in the performance of their official duties; and

IN REPLYING, PLEASE CITE:



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Department of National Defense to make the necessary preparations required of it by the COMELEC such as, but not limited to, the following:

- a. Making sure that all agencies under its jurisdiction are prepared to respond without delay to the directives of the COMELEC in ensuring honest, orderly and peaceful elections in the ARMM;
- b. To dispatch the Philippine Marines for election duty;
- c. To escort ballots and election materials from Manila to the different provinces in the ARMM;
- d. To escort the same to the office of the Provincial Treasurer, and provide a 24-hour watch while these materials are in storage;
- e. To escort the transport of the same from the Provincial Treasurer's office to the municipalities and provide a 24-hour watch while these materials are in storage at the office of the Municipal Treasurers;
- f. To escort the same and the Boards of Election Inspectors to the precincts;
- g. Upon orders of the COMELEC, to stay in the precincts and apply indelible ink to voters who have voted and tear all unused ballots after the close of the voting;
- h. To be assigned outside the precincts within the polling places for the duration of the elections until the transport of the ballots from the precincts; and
- i. To escort the ballots and election materials from the precincts to the municipal canvassing centers and then to the provincial canvassing centers.

For strict compliance.



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