

### Barangay and SK elections

#### Timeline of Activities

25 September-10 November 2010

ELECTION PERIOD

Gun and bodyguards ban.

14- 23 October 2010

Candidates campaign period.

18 October 2010

Last day for filing of disqualification cases.

18- 20 October- Inspection and verification of completeness of the Voters' Registration Records and sealing of the Book of Voters for each barangay and SK precinct

20 October- Last day of posting the Computerized Voters' List (CVL)

25 October 2010

Casting of votes from 7 a.m until 3 p.m.. Canvassing follows.

#### Comelec Resolutions

**Resolution No. 9064**- Deputation of the Department of Interior and Local Government including the Philippine National Police and other law enforcement agencies for the purpose of ensuring free, orderly, honest, peaceful and credible elections in the province of Basilan, first district of Bulacan and some areas in Lanao del Sur.

**Resolution No. 9063**- Request for the concurrence of the President of the Republic of the Philippines in the deputation of the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the Philippine National Police in connection with the November 13, 2010 special elections in the province of Basilan, first legislative district of Bulacan and some areas in Lanao del Sur

**Resolution No. 9062**- Deputation of certain departments, under the Executive branch, government controlled corporations, and financial institutions in connection with the October 25 elections.

**Resolution No. 9061**- Deputation of the Armed Forces of the Philippines for the purpose of ensuring free, orderly, honest, peaceful and credible elections in the province of Basilan, first district of Bulacan and some areas in Lanao del Sur

Source: [www.comelec.gov.ph](http://www.comelec.gov.ph)

### Comelec to procure 1000 reams of ballot papers

- 52.7 million voters registered for the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) polls. Even after Noah Paper Mills--the winning bidder for paper ballots--completely delivered on October 6 4,952 reams of ballot papers amounting to Php 71.8 million to be used in printing the barangay official ballots, the Commission on Elections Bids and Awards Committee (Comelec BAC) said that the National Printing Office (NPO) will need an additional 300 reams of ballot papers following a five percent rate of ballot paper spoilage. The Commission decided to procure 1000 reams of ballot papers to save Php2 million in expenses. The Commission explained that purchasing 300 reams of ballot paper would cost Php 16.5 million while 1000 reams would only amount to Php 14.5 million. The Commission said that the remaining 700 reams that will not be used will be allotted for subsequent electoral exercises, such as plebiscites, special elections and recall elections. The Comelec has authorized the BAC to resort to a repeat order from the paper supplier as it was impractical to conduct another competitive bidding with the Barangay elections set on October 25.

The Comelec should assure the public that the remaining 350,000 pieces of ballot (1 team = 500 papers) paper will be accounted for, properly stored and that the amount of expenses for the next election will be lessened. Perhaps in the future, the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) could consider procuring the same kind of paper that the Comelec uses for its manual ballots; any excess paper could be distributed by the DBM to other government agencies as common office supplies. (KZR, ECT)

### Comelec needs additional Php800 million for ARMM elections

- ARMM polls have been scheduled on August 10, 2011. The said regional elections will be automated as the 2008 ARMM election was, albeit using a different system. The lease for 800 machines for the automated polls will be around Php 1.839 billion as estimated by Smartmatic International. Comelec has submitted a budget proposal of Php 1.149 billion for the ARMM polls but it was cut by more than half to Php 480.9 million in the 2011 budget. The Comelec will submit to Congress a request for Php 800 million supplemental budget after the Barangay and SK elections. Additional outlay will mainly cover the lease of precinct count optical scan (PCOS) machines and remuneration for the boards of election inspector.

The Comelec should review the proposed improvements by election monitors and IT experts regarding the Smartmatic poll technology so the same glitches and mistakes would not be encountered again. (KZR)

### NAMFREL voters' education materials for Barangay and SK elections are now available in the website

- NAMFREL's voters education leaflets for the 2010 Barangay and SK elections are now available for download from the NAMFREL website ([www.namfrel.org.ph](http://www.namfrel.org.ph)) The materials cover the following topics: **qualification of a leader; importance of the barangay; politicization of the barangay; revenue and its utilization; the essence of the Sangguniang Kabataan (SK); and Election Day guidelines.** Reports on cheating or any irregularities are also being accepted on the NAMFREL website. You may attach photos, videos, or any supporting documents. Please help us distribute the materials in your communities. (PBM)



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