



### **Barangay and SK elections**

#### **Timeline of Activities**

##### 4- 13 August 2010

Registration for Barangay polls

##### 6- 15 August 2010

List up for the SK elections

##### 25 September-10 November 2010

COMELEC Resolution No. 9019, sets the election period to September 25, 2010 until November 10, 2010.

Carrying of deadly weapons and the use of bodyguards by candidates is prohibited.

##### 1- 13 October 2010

Aspiring candidates for the Barangay and SK polls may file their Certificate of Candidacy (COC).

##### 14- 23 October 2010

Candidates campaign period.

##### 18 October 2010

Last day for filing of disqualification cases.

##### 25 October 2010

Casting of votes from 7 a.m until 3 p.m.. The counting and canvassing of votes and the proclamation of winning candidates will immediately begin after the casting of votes.

#### **Comelec Resolution**

Res. No. 9027 - In the matter of exercising provision and control over the Philippine National Police in connection with the October 25, 2010 Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections

Res. No. 9026- Request for the concurrence of the president of the Republic of the Philippines in the deputation of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and the Philippine National Police (PNP)

### **Preliminary protest on Roxas protest set on September 30**

- The Supreme Court, sitting as the Presidential Electoral Tribunal (PET), will hold on September 30 its first preliminary conference on the election protest filed by former Senator Manuel Roxas II against Vice President Jejomar Binay. Retired Supreme Court justice Bernardo Pardo, who headed the Commission on Elections prior to his appointment to the Court in 1998, will be the hearing commissioner. According to the 2010 Rules of the Presidential Electoral Tribunal, a preliminary conference is held after the last pleadings from the parties to the case have been submitted. The PET resolves election protests in the presidential and vice presidential races.

### **Communist rebels are expected to collect 'fees'**

- Communist Party of the Philippines- New People's Army (CPP- NPA) are expected to try to cash in on the upcoming October 25 barangay (village) elections by extorting money from candidates through their illegal "permit to campaign" (PTC) scam. Brigadier General Jose Mabanta Jr., chief of the Armed Forces Civil Relations Service, said the NPA has had limited success with its extortion like in the 2010 automated election. He said this was because the strength of the CPP-NPA has gone down drastically so that its ability to generate funds has been greatly diminished.

### **NAMFREL as election observers for Afghan election**

- The next election of the members of the Wolesi Jirga (Lower House Parliamentary) is due on 18 September 2010. The election will be managed by the Afghan Independent Election Commission (IEC) which was established in accordance with Article 156 of the Constitution of Afghanistan for the purpose of organizing and supervising all elections in the country. The poll was postponed from its original date of 22 May 2010, although earlier even a further postponement had been suggested. The Asian Network for Free Elections (ANFREL), of which NAMFREL Council Member Mr. Damaso Magbual is the Chairman, has nominated volunteers from NAMFREL namely Mr. Paolo Maligaya and Ms. Kristine Tapiz and also Mr. Norodin Manalao of C- Care. Together with other ANFREL members from different Asian countries they have been deployed to run capacity building training to local observers in Northern, Central, and Western Afghanistan. They have also been embedded with the IEC, media, etc. to research on how each function in connection with the conduct of the election. Afghan officials sought to reassure wary citizens that by promising to adopt security measures it will be safe to vote in this parliamentary election despite an upswing in violence in recent months. NAMFREL Council member and former Executive Director Telibert Laoc is also deployed in Afghanistan to assist in the management of the National Democratic Institute (NDI) Election Observation Mission. To follow NAMFREL's operations in Afghanistan visit [www.namfrel.org.ph](http://www.namfrel.org.ph) or <http://namfrel.wordpress.com>.

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