



### **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. 9030** - General Instructions for the Board of Election Tellers (BET) and Barangay Board of Canvassers (BBOC) in connection with the conduct of the October 25, 2010 synchronized Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections  
**Res. No. 9029** - Guidelines on the filing of Certificates of Candidacy in connection with the conduct of the October 25, 2010 synchronized Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections

### **Comelec lets big businessman sit for small businessmen and blind masseurs**

- The Commission on Elections (COMELEC) has allowed Ang Kasangga party-list Rep. Teodorico Haresco, a businessman, to sit in Congress as the representative of small-income enterprises and blind masseurs. In a nine-page resolution dated September 20, 2010 the Comelec en banc reversed the decision of its First Division that disqualified Haresco and his fellow nominee, Eugenio Lacson, for failing to meet the requirement that party-list representatives come from marginalized sectors. The Comelec ruled that the two nominees met the requirements. Commissioner Nicodemo Ferrer, Lucento Tagle, Elias Yusoph, and Comelec First Division member Armando Velasco sided Ang Kasangga. On the other hand, Comelec chair Jose Melo, and commissioners Rene Sarmiento and Gregorio Larrazabal dissented. Ang Kasangga won a seat in the last May 10 elections with 296,368 votes.

### **Comelec orders recall of security**

- The Comelec has ordered the pullout of the security details of senators, congressmen, justices, and other national officials, including those from government-owned and -control corporations, with a rank of secretary, undersecretary, and assistant secretary and "relatives within the second degree of consanguinity of those mentioned above." in preparation for the October 25 village and youth elections. In a seven-page resolution (Res. No. 9019), the Comelec said that starting on September 25, the security details of government officials, except for those of the President, the Vice President, Senate President, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chief Justice, the defense and interior secretaries, the Comelec chair and commissioners, the armed forces chief of staff and major service commanders, the director generals of the national police and its senior officers, and the members of the foreign diplomatic corps. should be recalled to help ensure peaceful barangay (village) and Sangguniang Kabataan (youth councils) elections. But the Comelec said that officials who will lose their security detail could still appeal by applying at the Comelec-Committee on the Ban of Firearms and Security Personnel (CBFSP)

### **Afghanistan election updates**

- Asian Network for Free Elections (ANFREL) with some NAMFREL election monitors were deployed as observers to assess the 2010 Wolesi-Jirga parliamentary elections in the country. The observers covered cities and rural areas including prison polling centers in most Afghan provinces with the exception of those in the South. They witnessed the proceedings from the opening up to the closing of the polling stations. Initial observations of ANFREL reveal that the visibility of police personnel is not a guarantee for voters to free participation. A series of threats prior to the Election Day was not dealt immediately or resolved as local police were easily compromised. The Election Complaint Commission (ECC) and Election Independent Commission were also perceived to be powerless in stopping these traditional power bases and practices that dictate electoral politics. Compounding the difficulties were a lack of transparent and accurate voters' list and insufficient voters' education. On the progress of counting as of 19 September, 22 provinces completed counting, 11 provinces 50-99% complete and 1 province no report received. There are also 5,355 polling centers opened, 304 were closed and 157 with no information. Fazil Ahmad Manawi, head of the IEC, said more than four million votes had been cast, amounting to 40 percent of those registered to vote, according to early calculations. To follow NAMFREL in Afghanistan visit [www.namfrel.org.ph](http://www.namfrel.org.ph) or <http://twitter.com/namfrel>.

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