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PRESS RELEASE (as of May 11, 1:00PM)

Mandaluyong City – as of 1:00PM, NAMFREL is receiving reports of the COMELEC Random Manual Audit (RMA) status. RMA is one of the safeguards of the automated election system (AES) under Republic Act 9369 (Automated Election System Law). It is used to validate the accuracy of the machine count.

Among some of the areas where RMA was not conducted yesterday are:

Manila – 14 precincts, moved to today allegedly due to absence of political party representatives
Sarangani – No RMA because elections were still ongoing. Election paraphernalia was switched with Marinduque on election day.
Basilan - of the 3 precincts, 2 are inaccessible because of peace and order constraints. The one in Isabela City has no indication of RMA in the precinct identified by the COMELEC.
Masbate- RMA was postponed in 1 district by COMELEC.

The RMA will yield variances between the machine and manual counts. Significant variances, ie. more than 10 in every precinct will be duly subjected to root cause analysis by the technical staff at the COMELEC.