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PRESS RELEASE (as of MAY 10, 4:00 PM)

Mandaluyong City – As of 4:00 PM, the COMELEC Random Manual Audit (RMA) Operations, with the support of NAMFREL, are ongoing in 715 precincts across the 238 legislative districts. The 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.

The RMA, intended to start at 8:00AM after the precincts for audit have been determined, is being monitored by NAMFREL volunteers. Majority of regions are reporting no disturbances, however some municipalities are experiencing delays due to power outages, late turnover of materials required for RMA, lack of coordination in schedule, abrupt change of venue and/or precincts, and in some locations in ARMM, presence of violence.

NAMFREL, represented by Dave Balangue, Tammy Lipana, Lito Averia, and Telibert Laoc, has joined forces with the leadership of the Philippine Institute of Certified Public Accountants (PICPA) in organizing volunteers to be deployed to the RMA sites.