

Report on the

Operation Quick Count for the National and Local Elections of 14 May 2001 (first in the millennium)

By the

National Citizens' Movement for Free Elections

(Namfrel)



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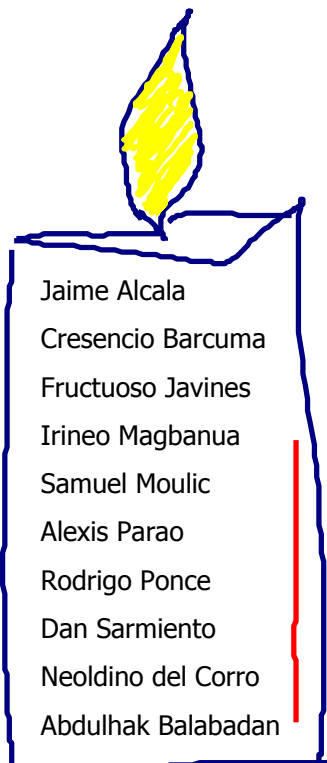


Dedicated to

Angelina Uson (†2002), chairperson of Manila District 5
Pacy Jazmines (†2001), chairperson, NCR South Sector
Wilfran Cantillo (†1995), chairperson, Palawan
Glenn Bernardo (†2002) chairperson for logistics, Pasig city

They have served their gallant volunteers and have steadfastly stood for the cause of Namfrel. They continue to inspire volunteerism among us and provide the example of making ourselves available for our people.

Para din sa mga bayani ng Namfrel



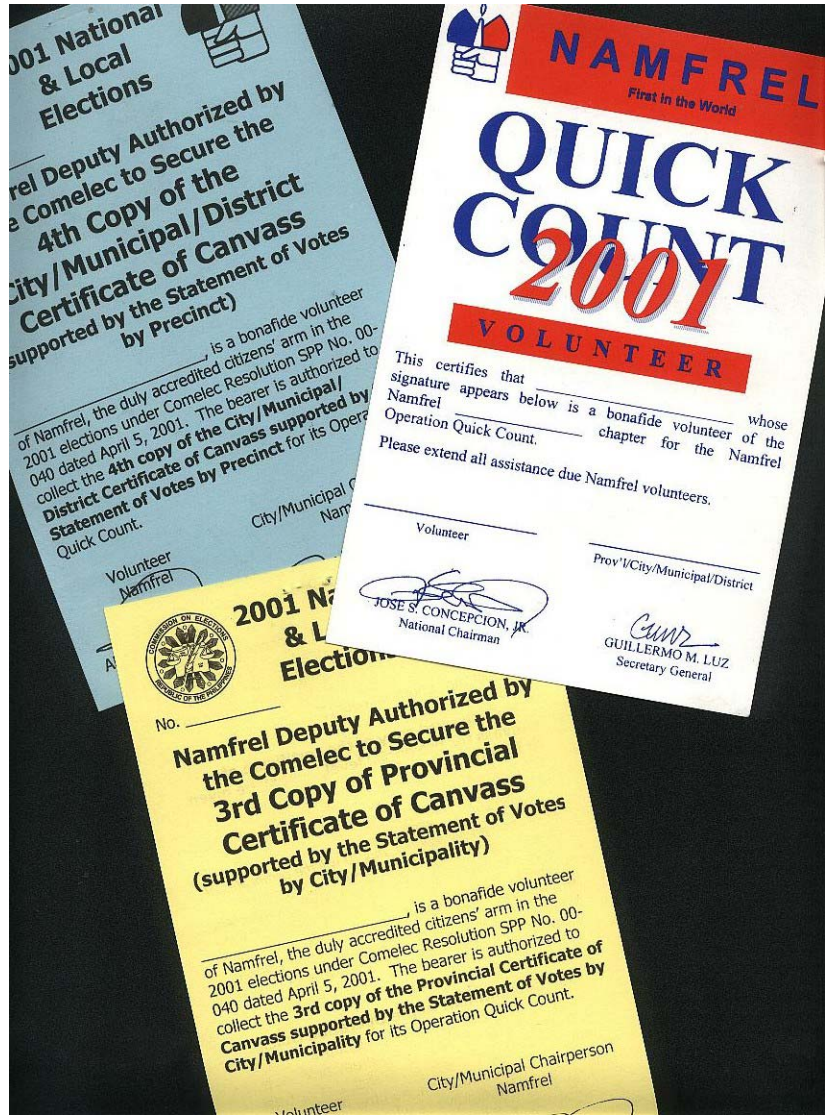




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ntroductory statement

Mending the flag.

We liken the country, as it goes through the triennial elections, to our dear flag mounted on a pole exposed to rain, lashed out by strong winds and burned under the intense heat of the tropical sun. The elements beat on a tender fabric.

Every elections the tender fabric of Philippine society, politics, culture, economy, religion, peace and order, its youth, its poor, its women and men, its children, its structures and institutions, its pride – most importantly its future, are subjected to the “elements.” The elements of intense political rivalry and political divide, the tense and uncertain situations and a host of other not-so-desirable events, seem as if tests that tender fabric to its limits.



The election environment sizzles for almost two weeks starting at the close of the campaign period and until the counting and canvassing of the votes. It cools down when the results seem irreversible – and that “fabric” would have taken quite a beating.

The colors fade, the stitches loosen – the damage has been done. But the Filipino fabric is a resilient one. Its inherent capacity to bear the beating of the elements and the humor woven into with each thread keeps it from tearing apart.

Post elections, it is once again time to mend the flag.



The 2001 elections

Total positions to be voted for	
13	Senators
209	District representatives to Congress
53	Party list seats in Congress
79	Provincial governors
79	Provincial vice governors
742	Provincial board members
99	City mayors
99	City vice mayors
1,098	City councilors
1,510	Municipal mayors
1,510	Municipal vice mayors
21,100	Municipal councilors

16	Regions
79	Provinces
99	Cities
1,510	Municipalities
41,933	<i>Barangays</i>
234,259	Precincts
201,007	Clustered precincts



Precincts and voters per province (Comelec, 11 March 2001)

	Precincts (before clustering)	Voters
Philippines	234,259	36,521,799
North Luzon	50,764	7,822,037
CAR	3,929	646,836
Region 1	13,451	2,019,527
Region 2	8,163	1,250,568
Region 3	25,221	3,905,106
National Capital Region	34,010	5,216,112
South Luzon	47,224	7,551,051
Region 4	34,012	5,450,162
Region 5	13,212	2,100,889
Visayas	47,531	7,615,456
Region 6	19,530	3,033,426
Region 7	16,607	2,752,025
Region 8	11,394	1,830,005
Mindanao	54,730	8,317,143
Region 9	8,416	1,419,417
Region 10	8,777	1,375,157
Region 11	15,449	2,401,342
Region 12	7,299	1,158,627
Caraga	6,638	1,062,615
ARMM	8,151	899,985



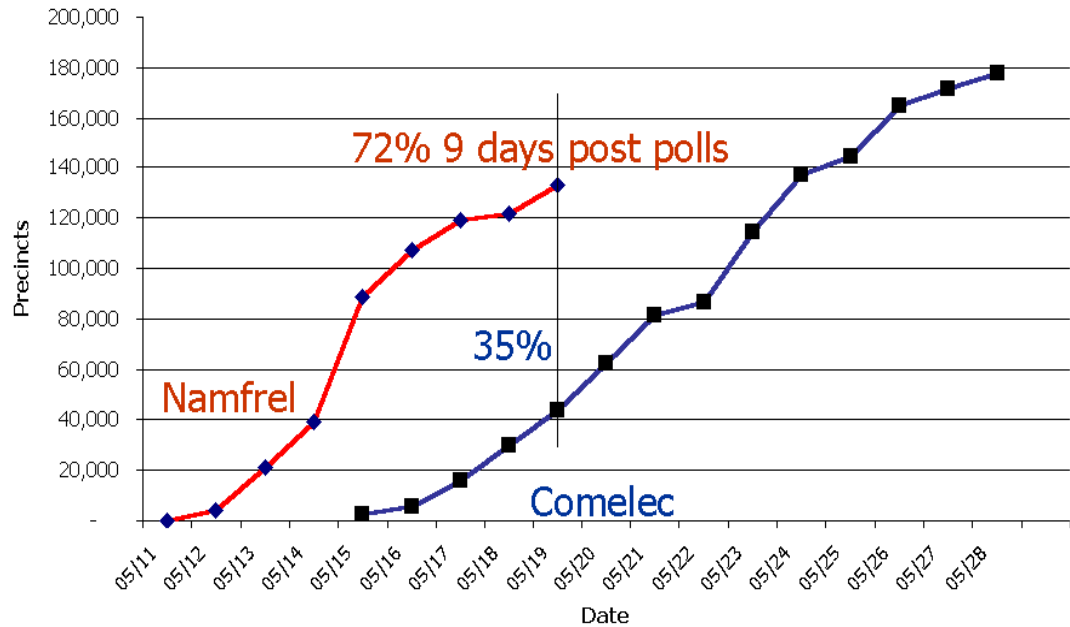
Namfrel: 20 years volunteering for clean and honest elections

Election of the members of the <i>Batasán Pambansa</i>	1984
Snap presidential election	1986
National plebiscite on the 1987 Constitution	1987
National elections for local positions	1988
Congressional elections	1988
Plebiscite on the Organic Act for the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM)	1990
Plebiscite on the Organic Act for the Cordillera Autonomous Region	1990
First regular elections of the legislature of the ARMM	1990
General synchronized elections for national and local positions (in partnership with the Media Citizens' Quick Count)	1992
General elections for senatorial and local positions	1995
General registration in the ARMM	1995
Legislative assembly elections in the ARMM	1996
Special vice-gubernatorial elections in Parang, Sulu	1996
General registration of voters	1997
Kalookan mayoral recall elections	1997
National presidential and local elections	1998
General registration of voters in the ARMM	1999
Mayoral recall elections in Pasay city	2000
Mayoral recall elections in Mercedes, Camarines Sur	2000
Mayoral recall elections in Lucena city	2000
General elections for senatorial and local positions	2001
Legislative assembly elections in the ARMM	2001
Mayoral recall elections in Puerto Princesa city, Palawan	2002
Philippine observer mission to the parliamentary elections in Cambodia	1998
Philippine observer mission to the parliamentary elections in Indonesia	1999
Election observer mission to the parliamentary elections in Sri Lanka	2000
Election observer mission to the parliamentary elections in Sri Lanka	2001
Philippine observation mission to the presidential elections in East Timor	2002



The 1998 OQC

1998 OQC vs. Comelec Senatorial COC Count



Nanfrel and its Operation Quick Count (OQC)

- To help prevent fraud by motivating citizens to watch the polls and the counting and consolidating of the results
- To deter manipulation of results at the counting and canvassing by releasing accurate advance (unofficial) results
- Enhance the acceptability of the results of the elections



Petition for Accreditation

"Petitioner, National Citizens' Movement for Free Elections (Namfrel),
unto this Honorable Commission, hereby alleges that:

1. Namfrel is seeking for accreditation as the citizens' arm of the Commission in connection with the National and Local Elections on May 14, 2001 specifically for the following purposes:

- a) Organize, manage, operate, and be accountable for the Operation Quick Count (OQC), including the reporting of results obtained from:
 - i. Fourth copy of the election returns generated by the counting machines for each precinct in areas where counting machines will be used per Sec. 6 of R.A. 8436;
 - ii. Sixth copy of the manually prepared election return for each precinct in areas where election returns will be manually accomplished, per R.A. 8173;
 - iii. Fourth copy of the certificates of canvass at the municipal/city, district and provincial levels per Sec. 22 of R.A. 8436; and
 - iv. Copy of the certificate of canvass for senators by the National Board of Canvassers for Senators;

duly authenticated by the board of election inspectors, the respective boards of canvassers and by the National Board of Canvassers for Senators.

- b) Coordinate the activities of all NGOs and private organizations that are interested in involving themselves in the elections for the purpose of ensuring free, clean, honest and fair conduct of the elections.
- c) Deploy Namfrel *Bantay ng Bayan* volunteers who may assist in the operations in the different polling places and who may also provide assistance to voters on Election Day.



- d) Assist the Commission by monitoring the conduct of the election and by being made a member of the Task Force organized by the Commission for this purpose.

When accredited, for the Commission to name Namfrel 'as the citizens' arm' of the Comelec authorized to conduct the Operation Quick Count' in the General Instructions for the Boards of Election Inspectors for the May 14, 2001 National and Local Elections, and recipient of the 4th or the 6th copies of the election returns. Also when accredited, for the Commission to name Namfrel 'as the citizens' arm of the Comelec authorized to conduct the Operation Quick Count' in the General Instructions for Boards of Canvassers for the May 14, 2001 Senatorial and Local Elections, and recipient of the 4th copy of the certificates of canvass from the municipal or city, district, provincial and the National Board of Canvassers for Senators."



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ccreditation granted

(Comelec Resolution SPP No. 01-011, 05 April 2001)

Based on representations by both petitioners, the Commission En Banc notes that Namfrel possesses the track record, logistics, manpower and machinery to conduct an unofficial count, with the sole drawback of its inability and past failure to immediately relay to the COMELEC the system and basis of its unofficial count and/or tabulation – hence opening itself to charges of count manipulation from some quarters, and allegations of unreliability of its unofficial count.

The oppositors, for their part however, were not able to provide convincing proof that Namfrel or any of its top officials have consciously and deliberately engaged in manipulation of election results. In fact, the Namfrel unofficial results, although different from the official COMELEC count, generally followed the same trend as the latter count. Neither can oppositor Leongson's allegations that Jose Concepcion, as Namfrel officer, accepted a cabinet position in the Aquino administration be, by any stretch of the imagination, construed as impartiality on the part of Namfrel as an organization. On the other hand, Mr. Espina was quick to point out that he does not doubt Namfrel's integrity as an organization, and was merely imputing ill-motive on its top officials on the basis of Namfrel's 1986 and 1987 quick counts. However, he was not able to produce the vital diskette that was supposed to prove that Namfrel top officials engaged in "*dagdag-bawas*" in 1987. Neither does Mr. Espina's allegation that Mr. Concepcion agreed to stop the Namfrel tabulation in 1986, constitute fraud.

NPC [National Press Club] on the other hand, does not have any track record in the conduct of an unofficial count and has been tentative on the manpower that it can devote to the count. Its relation with Polistrat remains to be firmed up, although Polistrat has stated that it can do an unofficial count under the NPC accreditation. NPC seems to be seeking accreditation on its own merits, but is presenting the capability of Polistrat to undertake computerized and electronics



transmission without Polistrat being a formal party to the accreditation proceedings. In effect, this deprives the COMELEC of firm control and supervision over the entity that will conduct the unofficial count because its accreditation covers only NPC which is the sole party in the accreditation petition.

But we take note of an innovation in the Polistrat proposed method, particularly its ability to undertake verification and rectification of figures being reported. Although this has not been tried, and the Commission fears that it cannot afford such an experimentation in an election as crucial as the May 14, 2001 exercise which is barely two months away, it cannot help but take notice that such system when applied to complement an existing system, like that of Namfrel, might work and even serve to introduce improvements in the existing system. The Commission En Banc would like the NPC-Polistrat's system to undergo a baptism of fire, so to speak, in the interest of further refining and improving the conduct of the unofficial count.

If both petitioners are really true to the allegations in their petitions, then their desire to undertake the civic and service-oriented tasks of ensuring free, honest, orderly and peaceful elections, should take precedence over competition and the drive to grab sole credit for the count. Ideally, they should find ways and means to cooperate and coordinate with each other by complementing each other's efforts in areas where one is strong and the other weak.

Henceforth, let both Namfrel and NPC be authorized to conduct an unofficial count for the May 14, 2001 National and Local Elections, subject to the strict observance of the foregoing procedural safeguards, and further subject to a verified manifestation that Polistrat is indeed a part of and will be under the control and supervision of the NPC, for purposes of conducting the unofficial count based on certificate of votes.



Consequently, both Namfrel and NPC, as accredited citizens' arms should be allowed to have their own watchers in every polling place, as mandated by Section 14, Article II of Resolution No. 3743, for different reasons. The rationale

Spoiled food

IN its misplaced confidence and mistaken ambition to replace the world-famous Namfrel as the sole authorized watchdog of the 2001 elections, the National Press Club is in for the same rude surprise that the Metro Manila publishers and the Philippine Press Institute got when they allowed themselves to be used as a cover-up for the massive fraud committed in the 1992 presidential elections.

Self-important publishers and editors sat paralyzed and "too stunned for words"—to borrow an ignorant phrase in the Angara diaries—as suitcases of doctored provincial returns were dropped casually at the Media Quick Count center in Greenhills; meanwhile, the poll count from opposition centers next door in Manila was delayed for weeks.

None of the media big shots dared protest publicly the obvious fraud taking place under their helpless noses. It would have been a public admission of what everyone now knows: that media people actually don't know how to do anything, let alone well. Least of all back-breaking work like monitoring elections since they are notoriously laidback. What journalists do best is report and remark. Hands-on work, forget it.

Indeed, as Namfrel legal counsel Joaquin Bernas explained: It is a free country, anybody can set himself up for a quick count. But can they do it well and in aid of honest elections? Or just in unwitting furtherance of electoral fraud?

Even as Bernas explained that technology superior to Namfrel is probably out there, "the most important technology is diligence and persistence. Diligence means doing the job right. Persistence is what you need when things go wrong. This is where Namfrel stands out."

One thing more: Namfrel has been at it for almost two decades, to worldwide acclaim. While the media screwed up the last time in just our little place.

The National Press Club, like the Metro Manila publishers and editors, is being set up for what time will show are special operations to put a good face on bad elections.

Nanfrel head Joe Concepcion has been accused of materially profiting from Namfrel since it was actually life-threatening to be part of it. Yet, all he has had to show for it is a global girth from eating spoiled food in far places.

Today editorial, 10 March

behind this, in the case of Namfrel, owes mainly to its evident track record, logistics, and expertise in the conduct of an unofficial count. There is no cogent reason therefore why it should not actively participate in the counting and canvassing of votes. NPC is likewise entitled to watchers for the sole purpose of requesting for the certificate of votes from the BEI. However, Namfrel and NPC watchers should not be involved in election protests, where such involvement will give the impression of partiality. This non-



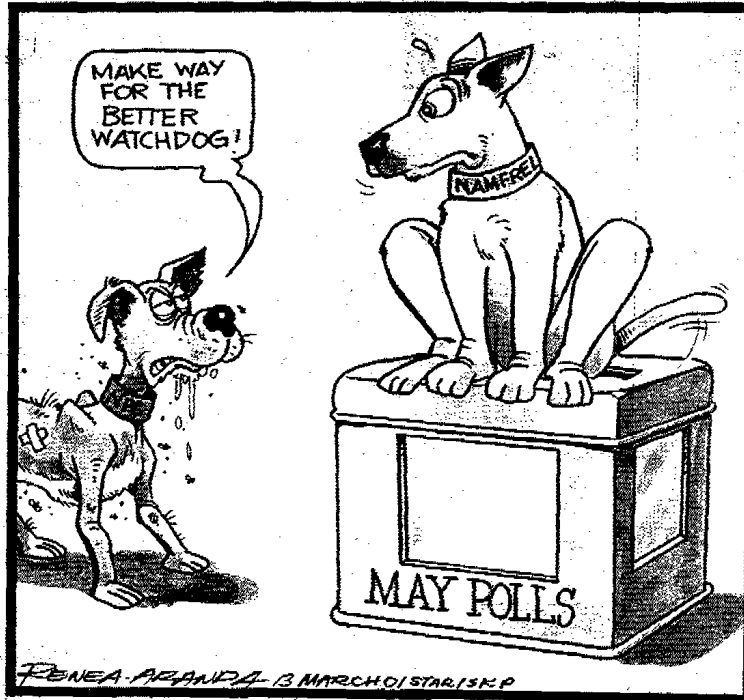
involvement should not, however, undermine in any way the watcher's right to raise an issue of patent irregularity before the board concerned.

Thus, the sixth copy of the election returns for each precinct, as well as the fourth copy of the certificate of canvass for municipal, city and provincial levels, shall be given to Namfrel. NPC, on the other hand, shall be given the seventh copy of the Certificate of Vote for Senators, Congressmen and Party list.

Although election laws relative to the accreditation of citizens' arms only provide for the election returns as the basis for conducting the unofficial count, the use of certificates of votes by the NPC for the same purpose is justified on the basis of the Commission's inherent discretionary power to formulate its own rules of procedure to ensure and maintain free, orderly and honest elections.

To reiterate, Namfrel and NPC should, in the interest of ensuring a fair, orderly and honest elections, cooperate with each other in the conduct of the unofficial count. In this way, the election returns and the certificates of votes can be used to countercheck each other. Each of the citizens' arms shall use the copy assigned to it, subject to a reconciliation of the figures where there are official objections from contending candidates, in accordance with the procedural safeguards provided herein.

In case of any discrepancy formally objected to by contending candidates in the figures based on the election returns and the certificates of votes, the subject documents and the figures contained therein shall not be used



EDITORIAL

Accredit Namfrel

The National Press Club caught many legitimate journalists by surprise when it sought accreditation to conduct the official quick count in the May elections. The NPC's bid has derailed the application of the National Movement for Free Elections to conduct the quick count — something the Namfrel has been doing for several years now. With just two months to go before the midterm elections, the Comelec still hasn't accredited any group for a quick count.

In case the Comelec is worried about offending the media by rejecting the NPC's bid, it should take a look at the membership of this press club. The roster has a preponderance of people who are anything but working journalists. NPC stickers adorn the vehicles of every Tom, Dick and Harry with connections in the press club. For connections, even the waiters and janitors will do. It's just as well that traffic aides ignore those press stickers.

Journalists started avoiding the press club after its roster of legitimate members — and therefore of qualified voters — was padded with non-work-

ing journalists. The press club was also rocked by allegations involving embezzlement, bribery and fund mismanagement. Dirty, constantly reeking of nicotine and booze, the NPC building went to seed years ago, turning off the people it was supposed to represent.

If the NPC can't conduct its own elections with credibility, how can it conduct a nationwide quick count? Who will provide the machinery, the people? A quick count requires people with special training. Can the NPC put together a team in two months? More than training, a quick count requires people dedicated to one ideal: The holding of clean elections. Are NPC members up to the job?

In this land of guns, goons and gold, efforts to clean up elections are still a long way from 100 percent success. Namfrel, however, has managed to rack up significant achievements in thwarting efforts to undermine the results of elections. The Comelec must keep this in mind as it deliberates on the competing applications of Namfrel and the National Press Club. There's simply no contest.



in the unofficial count of either citizens' arm until the discrepancy is resolved at the city municipal canvassing board level. Where finally the authenticity and the integrity of the election returns is determined, or otherwise no longer put in question, the election returns shall prevail over the certificates of votes.

Premises considered, and pursuant to Section 2 (5) of Article IX-C of the 1987 Constitution and Section 52 (k) of the Omnibus Election Code, and other pertinent laws and regulations, petitioners Namfrel and NPC are hereby accredited as citizens' arms, and authorized to conduct an advance unofficial count under the direct and immediate control and supervision of the COMELEC in the May 14, 2001 National and Local Elections.

Petitioners are likewise conferred the following duties and functions:

A. Before Election Day:

1. Undertake an information campaign on salient features of the Omnibus Election Code and help in the dissemination of the orders, decisions and resolutions of the commission relative to the forthcoming election.
2. (If so warranted) wage a registration drive in their respective areas so that all citizens of voting age, not otherwise disqualified by law maybe registered.
3. (If so warranted) help cleanse the list of voters of illegal registrants, conduct house-to-house canvass if necessary, and take appropriate legal steps toward this end.
4. Report to the Commission violation of the provisions of Omnibus Election Code on the conduct of the political campaign, election propaganda and electoral expenditures.



B. On Election Day:

1. Exhort all registered voters in their respective areas to go to their polling places and cast their votes.
2. Nominate one watcher for accreditation in each polling place and each place of canvass who shall have the same duties, functions and right as the other watchers of political parties and candidates. Members or units of any citizen group or organization so designated by the Commission except its lone duly accredited watcher shall not be allowed to enter any polling place except to vote, and shall, if they so desire, stay in an area at least fifty meters away from the polling place.
3. Report to the peace authorities and other appropriate agencies all instances of terrorism, intimidation of voters, and other similar attempts to frustrate the free and orderly casting of votes.
4. Perform such other functions as may be entrusted to such group or organization by the Commission.

In addition to the foregoing conditions, the accreditation herein granted is subject to:

1. Compliance with all lawful orders of the Commission in the performance of the specific functions and activities assigned by the Commission;
2. Observance of non-partisanship and impartiality during the election period;
3. Undertaking to police petitioners' ranks and prevent infiltration by persons or group of persons who may, directly or indirectly, destroy its character or impartiality;
4. Observance of the condition that it should not derive any support from, or be under the influence of, any foreign government or its agencies or instrumentalities, or any foreign person, whether natural or juridical;



5. Making available to the Commission, petitioners' personnel, facilities, equipment, papers and effects when so required by the Commission for purposes of monitoring or checking the work of the petitioner;
6. Submission to the Commission of a weekly written report of their operations for the May 14, 2001 elections,

The Executive Director in coordination with the Clerk of Court, both of the Commission, is directed to implement this Resolution, immediately upon promulgation hereof, furnishing copies to all field officers nationwide including the candidates and the political parties or coalitions of political parties.

The education and information Department shall cause the publication of this Resolution in two (2) daily newspapers of general circulation.

SO ORDERED.

SIGNED

Alfredo L. Benipayo, Chairman

Luzviminda G. Tancangco, Commissioner

Rufino S. B. Javier, Commissioner

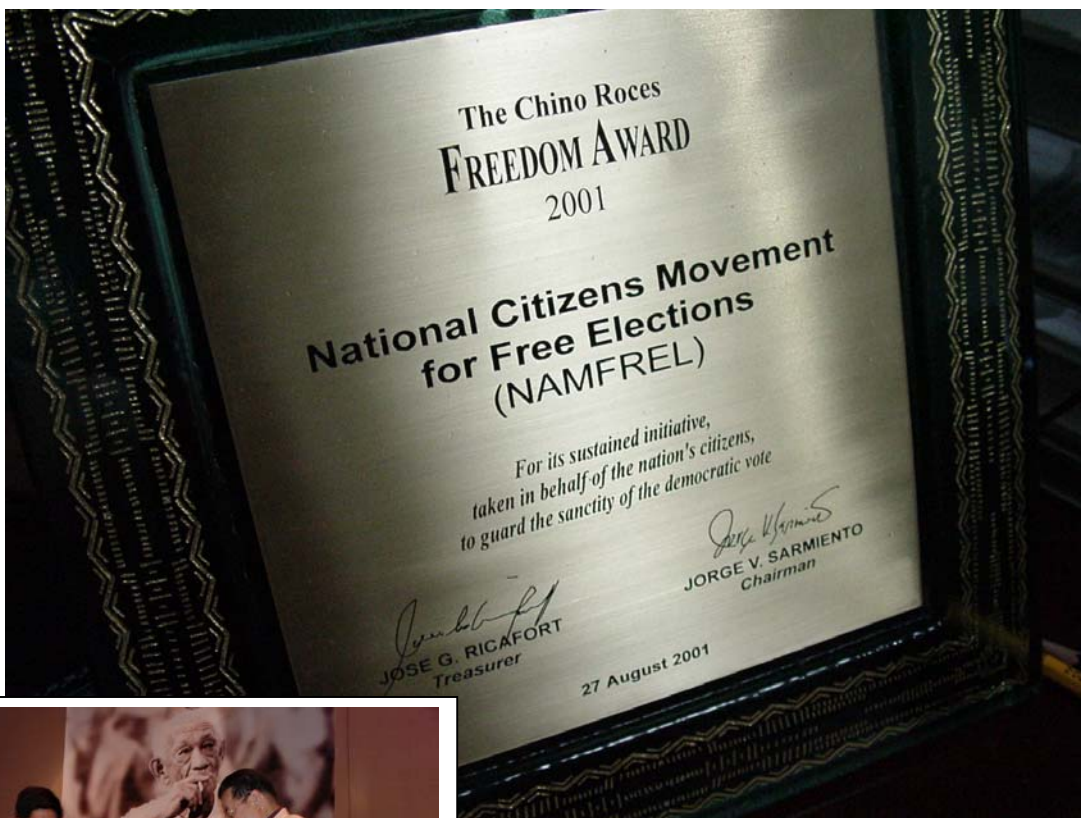
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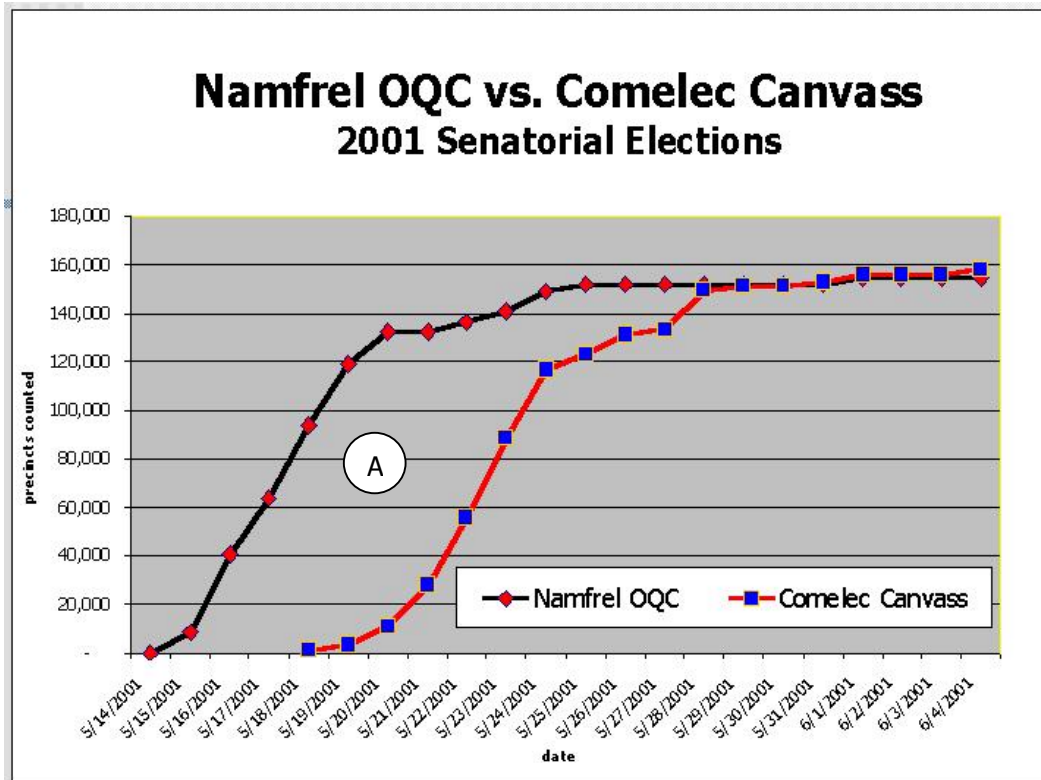






The 2001 Operation Quick Count

The entire area "A" in the graph is the "window of relevance of the OQC." Until the counting and canvassing process is automated, that window will continue to exist and the OQC continues to be relevant.



Summary of coverage

For senators				
Total precincts	Precincts reported	Percent	Number of reports	Date of Report
201,007	151,895	75.6%	36	25May01, 16:27H
For party list				
201,007	80,167	39.9%	18	01Jun01, 21:57H



Comparison of Comelec and Namfrel results for senatorial positions

Candidate	Comelec		Namfrel OQC	
	Votes	Rank	Rank	Votes
De Castro	16,237,386	1	1	12,183,754
Flavier	11,735,897	2	2	8,877,404
Osmeña	11,593,389	3	3	8,699,161
Drilon	11,301,700	4	4	8,518,543
Magsaysay	11,250,677	6	5	8,505,158
Arroyo	11,262,402	5	6	8,495,848
Villar	11,187,375	7	7	8,339,445
Pangilinan	10,971,896	8	8	8,233,974
Angara	10,805,177	9	9	8,121,808
Lacson	10,535,559	10	10	7,867,813
Ejercito-Estrada	10,524,130	11	11	7,834,231
Honasan	10,454,527	12	12	7,750,473
Recto	10,480,940	13	13	7,703,978
Defensor-Santiago	9,622,742	15	14	7,247,108
Enrile	9,677,209	14	15	7,212,000
Puno	8,701,205	16	16	6,547,447
Tañada	8,159,836	17	17	6,148,006
Mercado	7,395,092	18	18	5,618,222
Pagdanganan	7,185,415	19	19	5,367,475
Herrera	6,801,861	20	20	5,186,007
Monsod	6,728,728	21	21	4,952,302
Rasul	5,222,490	22	22	3,829,440
Madrigal	5,043,043	23	23	3,760,258
Chato	4,831,501	24	24	3,626,652
Yasay	4,557,364	25	25	3,525,860
Canoy	3,542,460	27	26	2,660,754
Tamano	3,548,480	26	27	2,559,883
Adaza	770,647	28	28	583,875
Morato	625,789	30	29	512,361
Navarro	652,012	29	30	484,389
Lozano	470,572	32	31	403,151
Bajunaid	503,437	31	32	264,398
Chavez	244,553	33	33	253,670
Sabio	230,759	34	34	217,095
Nueva	83,700	35	35	130,722
Casil	74,481	36	36	75,677
Gil	15,522	37	37	17,746



Comparison of Comelec and Namfrel results for the party list elections

Namfrel			Comelec		
As of 01 June, 2157H Report no. 18			As of 07 September, 1620H Report no. 26		
Precincts reported	80,167				
Percent of total	39.9%				
Total votes cast	5,700,940			15,118,815	
Organization	Votes	Rank	Organization	Votes	Percentage
Bayan	680,438	1	Bayan	1,708,253	11.2989
Mad	621,007	2	Mad	1,515,693	10.0252
Apec	254,067	3	Apec	802,060	5.3050
Vfp	234,711	4	Vfp	580,781	3.8414
Butil	182,481	5	Promdi	422,430	2.7941
Npc	153,945	6	Npc	385,151	2.5475
Cibac	138,470	7	Akbayan	377,852	2.4992
Akbayan	138,322	8	Butil	330,282	2.1846
Buhay	123,303	9	Lakas Nucd-Umdp	329,237	2.1777
Lakas Nucd-Umdp	109,020	10	Cibac	323,810	2.1418
Coop-Natco	91,835	11	Ldp	308,639	2.0414
Aba	84,296	12	Buhay	290,760	1.9232
Ncia	81,091	13	Amin	252,051	1.6671
Ldp	78,507	14	Aba	242,199	1.6020
Pm	77,675	15	Cocofed	229,165	1.5158
Marcos Loyalist	72,308	16	Coop-Natco	226,322	1.4970
Promdi	71,746	17	Ncia	223,996	1.4816
Aklat	70,279	18	Pm	216,823	1.4341
Sanlakas	59,103	19	Aklat	210,052	1.3893
Abanse! Pinay	57,892	20	Marcos Loyalist	172,666	1.1421
Ako	57,189	21	Creba	160,255	1.0600
Creba	55,928	22	Bigkis	155,941	1.0314
Aksyon	54,700	23	Sanlakas	151,017	0.9989
Alagad	51,118	24	Abanse! Pinay	135,211	0.8943
Pmp-Pinatubo	51,040	25	Aksyon	135,156	0.8940
Pdp Laban	50,231	26	Green Phil	128,589	0.8505
Elderly	49,346	27	Ako	126,012	0.8335
Green Phil	44,977	28	Pmp	120,224	0.7952
Ofw	44,559	29	Alagad	117,161	0.7749



Namfrel			Comelec		
Bandila	44,533	30	Alab	111,463	0.7372
Amin	42,332	31	Pmp-Pinatubo	111,353	0.7365
Pmp	41,385	32	Ram	106,637	0.7053
Ram	40,114	33	Elderly	106,496	0.7044
Pma	39,395	34	Bagong Bayani	104,791	0.6931
Ahoy	38,206	35	Bandila	104,467	0.6910
Maritime	37,578	36	Atucp	103,273	0.6831
Cocofed	37,271	37	Kampil	102,606	0.6787
Vacc	36,907	38	Ahoy	101,751	0.6730
Bigkis	36,504	39	Maritime	98,946	0.6545
Akk (Coalition)	35,444	40	Ofw	97,085	0.6421
Cup	34,730	41	Pma	94,888	0.6276
Amma	34,272	42	Aasenso Ka	94,212	0.6231
Bantay-Bayan	33,911	43	Pdp Laban	90,245	0.5969
Lp	33,429	44	Cup	88,444	0.5850
Abcd	33,311	45	Pdsp	88,187	0.5833
Atucp	32,644	46	Atin	86,385	0.5714
Bagong Bayani	31,002	47	Vacc	78,486	0.5191
Kampil	29,350	48	Abcd	74,656	0.4938
Atip	28,843	49	Lp	73,784	0.4880
Drugwatch	28,467	50	Drugwatch	71,046	0.4699
Anakbayan	27,360	51	Abakada	67,741	0.4481
Ocw	27,161	52	Atip	67,008	0.4432
Atin	25,791	53	Ocw	66,218	0.4380
Abakada	24,234	54	Amma	65,735	0.4348
Akap	24,047	55	Kabalikat	64,644	0.4276
Kabalikat	22,840	56	Nfsp	64,574	0.4271
Alab	22,275	57	Anakbayan	63,312	0.4188
Agap	22,161	58	Bantay-Bayan	59,208	0.3916
Wpi	21,616	59	Akk (Coalition)	58,023	0.3838
Pdsp	20,578	60	Akap	54,925	0.3633
Plam	19,894	61	Green	54,721	0.3619
Veterans Care	18,917	62	Padpao	51,991	0.3439
Padpao	18,819	63	Agap	51,801	0.3426
Alas	18,478	64	Angkop	50,436	0.3336
Nad	18,377	65	Mscfo	49,914	0.3301
Awatu	18,236	66	Nad	49,147	0.3251
People Power	18,033	67	People Power	48,835	0.3230
Nactodap	17,874	68	Ptc	48,008	0.3175
Green	17,799	69	Wpi	46,831	0.3098
Angkop	17,502	70	Aaafpi	43,882	0.2902
Nfsp	16,250	71	Plam	43,725	0.2892
Jeep	16,171	72	Pcap	43,172	0.2856



Namfrel		Comelec			
Ptc	16,101	73	Awatu	42,149	0.2788
Mscfo	15,924	74	Jeep	41,423	0.2740
Pcap	15,184	75	Nactodap	38,898	0.2573
Pinoy May K	15,116	76	Scfo	37,470	0.2478
Aasenso Ka	14,895	77	Tricap	35,807	0.2368
Afm	14,094	78	Alas	35,626	0.2356
Bdi	13,997	79	Pinoy May K	32,151	0.2127
Consla	13,009	80	Veterans Care	31,694	0.2096
Tricap	12,976	81	Psae	31,499	0.2083
Caag	12,447	82	Consla	29,477	0.1950
Scfo	12,088	83	Consumers	29,415	0.1946
Apo Service	11,832	84	Ocw-Unifil	29,400	0.1945
Ocw-Unifil	11,656	85	Pdr	29,359	0.1942
Consumers	11,642	86	Pag-Asa	28,877	0.1910
Pwp	11,598	87	Ahonbayan	28,373	0.1877
Pdr	11,528	88	Apo Service	27,104	0.1793
Da	11,305	89	Angat	27,017	0.1787
Pag-Asa	11,196	90	Kasama	26,846	0.1776
Arba	11,178	91	Pda	26,634	0.1762
Prap	10,827	92	Pusyon	26,037	0.1722
Abay Pamilya	10,653	93	Sjs	25,213	0.1668
Ahonbayan	10,474	94	Caag	24,825	0.1642
Pda	10,467	95	Pwp	24,182	0.1599
Sjs	10,445	96	Da	24,029	0.1589
Rp	10,274	97	Parp	23,297	0.1541
Psae	10,209	98	Asakapil	23,163	0.1532
Aasahan	10,179	99	Arpes	22,497	0.1488
Pusyon	9,949	100	Arba	22,345	0.1478
A	9,936	101	Abay Pamilya	22,127	0.1464
Kasama	9,780	102	A	22,125	0.1463
Arpes	9,512	103	Bea	22,034	0.1457
Puc	9,343	104	Fejodap	21,335	0.1411
Angat	8,969	105	Prp	20,663	0.1367
Aaaffpi	8,798	106	Coalition 349	20,247	0.1339
Ayos	8,346	107	Rp	19,266	0.1274
Lahing Veterano	8,281	108	Nupa	18,670	0.1235
Homeowners	8,232	109	Afm	18,456	0.1221
Coalition 349	8,037	110	Bsk	18,196	0.1204
Nupa	7,915	111	Bdi	18,041	0.1193
Fejodap	7,869	112	Gabay Ofw	17,777	0.1176
Bea	7,684	113	Homeowners	17,749	0.1174
Prp	7,499	114	Puc	17,494	0.1157
Pmsea	7,418	115	Kkk	17,282	0.1143



Namfrel		Comelec			
Asakapil	7,046	116	Binhi	16,877	0.1116
Tapat	6,943	117	Aasahan	16,787	0.1110
Bsk	6,853	118	Kabayan	16,001	0.1058
Kkk	6,850	119	Ayos	15,871	0.1050
Aka	6,816	120	Lahing Veterano	14,711	0.0973
Kabayan	6,444	121	Primo	14,369	0.0950
Binhi	6,397	122	Pacd	13,411	0.0887
Aim	6,350	123	Cap	13,276	0.0878
Bsp	6,199	124	Tapat	13,077	0.0865
Pacd	6,072	125	Power	13,050	0.0863
Cap	5,865	126	Aka	12,971	0.0858
Primo	5,700	127	Aim	12,195	0.0807
Kilos	5,373	128	Pmsea	11,932	0.0789
Citizen	4,990	129	Bsp	11,431	0.0756
Katapat	4,901	130	Kilos	11,170	0.0739
Apil	4,579	131	Apil	10,800	0.0714
Ppp-Youth	4,562	132	Ppp-Youth	10,794	0.0714
Gabay Ofw	4,388	133	Katapat	10,637	0.0704
Oneway Print	4,286	134	Shaf	10,610	0.0702
Sm	4,272	135	Citizen	10,306	0.0682
Np	4,215	136	Np	9,977	0.0660
Aa	4,116	137	Sm	9,920	0.0656
Dwp	3,939	138	Oneway Print	9,666	0.0639
Jury	3,807	139	Kaloob	9,137	0.0604
Kaloob	3,755	140	Jury	8,847	0.0585
O.K.Napu	3,745	141	Aa	8,143	0.0539
Sulong	3,678	142	Dwp	7,907	0.0523
Alyansa	3,659	143	Alyansa	7,882	0.0521
Naci	3,216	144	Sulong	7,677	0.0508
Dfp	3,163	145	O.K.Napu	7,298	0.0483
Shaf	3,125	146	Katipunan	7,112	0.0470
Ledfi	3,007	147	Katutubo	6,602	0.0437
Power	2,887	148	Dfp	6,600	0.0437
Ncco	2,746	149	Ncco	5,975	0.0395
Katutubo	2,579	150	Naci	5,568	0.0368
Katipunan	2,409	151	Ledfi	5,328	0.0352
Flrf	2,317	152	Tindog Waray	4,815	0.0318
Tindog Waray	2,269	153	Flrf	4,786	0.0317
Dugtungan	2,126	154	Kami	4,231	0.0280
Kabatas	1,988	155	Dugtungan	3,966	0.0262
Go Go Philippines	1,941	156	Kabatas	3,899	0.0258
Kami	1,932	157	Pasalba	3,221	0.0213
Pasalba	1,748	158	Go Go Philippines	3,151	0.0208



Namfrel			Comelec		
Aluhai	1,721	159	Prs	2,757	0.0182
Gad	1,189	160	Gad	2,722	0.0180
Prs	1,166	161	Aluhai	2,567	0.0170
Osmeña	1,124	162	Osmeña	1,676	0.0111





Civil Service Commission promotes volunteerism in government



Republic of the Philippines
CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Serbisyo Sibil: Isang Daang Taong Paglilingkod

Re: **Public Sector Volunteerism for Honest, Orderly and Peaceful Elections (HOPE) 2001 thru the Spirit of 100 Hours: Alay sa Bayan**

RESOLUTION NO. 010802

WHEREAS, the May 14 election is a crucial turning point in the leadership and governance scenario in the Philippine bureaucracy;

WHEREAS, the National Movement for Free Elections (NAMFREL) and the Parish Pastoral Councils for Responsible Voting (PPCRV) which stand for non-partisan involvement of concerned citizens before, during and after elections are calling for volunteers to protect the sanctity of the ballot in the May 14, elections;

WHEREAS, the Civil Service Commission (CSC) promotes volunteerism in government through its Spirit of 100 Hours: Alay sa Bayan project by enjoining government officials and employees to render at least 100 hours of voluntary service within and outside their work areas;

WHEREFORE, the Civil Service Commission resolves as it is hereby resolved to activate the Public Sector Volunteers for HOPE (Honest Orderly and Peaceful Elections) 2001 through the Spirit of 100 Hours: Alay sa Bayan project;

RESOLVED further to invite government officials and employees to participate in said project in accordance with the attached implementing guidelines;

RESOLVED finally to enjoin all heads of departments and agencies to allow the participation of volunteers in accordance with the project's implementing guidelines.

Quezon City, APR 19 2001

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Chairman

JOSE F. ERSTAIN, JR.
Commissioner

WALDEMAR V. VALMORES
Commissioner

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Northern Luzon

Reported by Namfrel **Abra** chairperson, Pura Sumangil (received by Namfrel regional director for Northern Luzon, Russel Ridad) at 1325H on Election Day – *Nagbibilihan ng boto* at **Sinapangan Elementary School, Bangued** [municipality] East. *Nag-aabot ng* sample ballot with P500 [bills] in *barangays Bulbulala and Toon* in **La Paz** [municipality].

Reported by Namfrel **Tarlac** chairperson, Elvira Gonzaga at 1850H on Election Day – BEI chair Glenda Malit of **precinct 222A** in **Matalahib Elementary School, Tarlac city** refuses to give to Namfrel the 6th copy of ERs. According to her, they were not given instructions regarding the 6th copy. She wants our volunteers to get the copy at the municipal hall. The said chairperson claimed that she still have to read the GI [General Instructions] to check if the instructions are there.

Action taken: “Our provincial chairperson referred this problem to the election officer who said that Comelec gave these instructions. Our provincial chairperson and the Namfrel school chair are still trying to convince the BEI chair.”

Reported by Namfrel **Tuguegarao, Cagayan** chairperson, Fr. Bernie Corpuz at 2253H on Election Day – “6th copy of the ER from *barangay Cagaytansa* is being picked up by the NPC representatives.”

Action taken: “Fr. Bernie sent his coordinator with the memorandum signed by the provincial chairperson that the 6th copy goes to Namfrel.”



NAMFREL			
as of 10 p.m., May 15			
No. of precincts: 7,705			
1	DE CASTRO	Ind.	564,256
2	FLAVIER	PPC	481,605
3	DRILON	PPC	456,313
4	OSMEÑA	PPC	449,154
5	ARROYO	PPC	446,817
6	MAGSAYSAY	PPC	429,651
7	VILLAR	PPC	427,229
8	PANGILINAN	PPC	424,006
9	ANGARA	PnM	410,979
10	RECTO	PPC	389,621
11	LACSON	PnM	369,669
12	EJERCITO-ESTRADA	PnM	363,177
13	HONASAN	PnM	358,361
14	DEFENSOR-SANTIAGO	PnM	342,718
15	TANADA	PPC	340,644
16	PUNO	PnM	335,560
17	ENRILE	PnM	333,493
18	MONSOD	PPC	293,707
19	PAGDANGANAN	PPC	288,906
20	MERCADO	PnM	282,277
21	HERRERA	PPC	274,955
22	YASAY	Ind.	207,776
23	VINZONS-CHATO	PPC	200,593
24	MADRIGAL	PnM	192,190
25	RASUL	PnM	192,161
26	TAMANO	PnM	121,658
27	CANOY	PnM	112,504
28	MORATO	Ind.	29,961
29	ADAZA	Ind.	27,348
30	NAVARRO	Ind.	25,958

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Reported by Namfrel **Quirino** coordinator, Fr. Lawrence Santos at 0530H, Day 1 after Election Day – The province-wide canvass was suspended due to a protest from a vice-gubernatorial candidate. The Namfrel count is not affected and is continuing.

Reported by Namfrel **Nueva Vizcaya** coordinator, Sr. Eden Orlino, SPC at 1730H, Day 1 after Election Day – “There are no Namfrel and Ppcrv volunteers in the town of **Castañeda, Nueva Vizcaya**. Even the parish priest who’s our municipal chair is afraid to fulfill his duties. *Magulo raw kasi*. They will just rely on the 4th copy of the COC.”

National Capital Region

Report received by OQC La Salle radio communicator volunteer CTA231 at 1345H on Election Day – “Voters’ List containing 431 voters in **Rosario**

Elementary School [Pasay city] lost.”



Reported by Namfrel **Taguig** volunteer, Pearlito San Pedro at 1400H on Election Day – “Voter’s names in precincts are missing...voters who are registered on March 24, 1997 were ‘disregarded,’ so they cannot vote.”

Reported by volunteer Thelma Adap at 1500H on Election Day – for **precinct 72A of barangay Calumpang, Marikina** city, “Sometimes ‘yong pollclerk at third [member] *ay hindi nagta-tally tapos sasabihin lang ng isa sa kanila, dagdagan mo na or may utang ka* and vice versa”

Reported by Namfrel **Quezon city** co-chairperson, Elsa Manansala at 1530H on Election Day – “**Novaliches King’s Point Chapel**...group of people claiming to be Namfrel volunteers wearing Namfrel IDs. Dist. 2 [volunteers]...Bong Manalaysay asked by a guy claiming to be head of Novaliches Namfrel – asking for 6th copy for the whole of Novaliches.”

Action taken: “Informed all the districts [in Quezon city] about [the] incident to prevent giving the 6th copy to unauthorized people.”

Report received by OQC La Salle volunteer Oscar Laboren Garcia in the morning of Election Day – “in one precinct in **barangay Paraiso, Quezon city, nabubura kaagad ang indelible ink.**”

Report received in the morning of Election Day for precinct **957-A, Guadalupe Viejo, Makati** city – Indelible ink easily washed away by detergent and alcohol.

Reported by Dr. Helen de Guzman, **Valenzuela** at 1550H on Election Day –

1. “Comelec registrar in Valenzuela roaming around **barangay Marulas** precincts this morning accompanied by armed men. They reported the matter to Comelec [Intramuros] who in turn spoke with the said registrar and stopped its activity (sic).
2. Valenzuela Dist. 1: *Ayaw papasukin yung poll watchers ng PPC* (People Power Coalition) this morning. They reported (sic) the incident to Comelec



national. They allowed the entry of PPC poll watchers but it was already afternoon.

3. **Barangay Coloong**: 60 persons *wala ng pangalan sa* Book of Registered Voters. *Ipinakita nila ang* Comelec voter's ID *nila pero hindi pa rin sila pinaboto.*
4. **Barangay Isla** – 50 voters (sic) *hindi nakaboto*
5. **Karuhatan** – *maraming hindi nakaboto.*

Reported by Namfrel **Manila District 5** volunteer, Mon Gareza at 1600H on Election Day – “[In] **Manila High School**, BEI refused to give 6th copy of ER to Namfrel. *Sa Ppcrv daw dapat sabi ng* principal.”

Reported by volunteer Sally Dilaw of **Taguig** at 1615H on Election Day – “6th copy not being given...(Namfrel) IDs not honored by Nenita Cayetano of **Ricardo Cruz Elementary School**...189 precincts.”

Action taken by Damaso Magbual, NCR chairperson – “Talked with Marcelino Mozo [Namfrel Taguig chairperson]. Problem resolved!”

Reported by Namfrel **Quezon city** co-chairperson Elsa Manansala at 1626H on Election Day – “Dist 1..**Mariblo barangay hall**...needs paraphernalia for counting (no tally board). **Pinagpala** needs materials/paraphernalia for counting.”

Reported by Bernadette Agcaoili of Adamson University at 1644H on Election Day – “[In] **Manila High School** [in] Dist. 5, [Namfrel] IDs weren't honored.”

Action taken: Call Manila chair to verify if Agcaoili and company were issued IDs to collect. Referred to [Manila] Dist. 5 [chairperson] Angie Uson but no answer. Called back Manila chairperson...only black and white (Comelec) IDs honored...*ok na.*”



Reported by volunteer Sr. Eryln Parlado of **Bahay Toro** (near Congressional Ave., between Shell and Caltex gas stations), **Quezon city** at 1700H on Election Day - "Voting Center too cramped and crowded; five precincts in one room; three precincts in one room. *Walang Ppcrv...need manpower.*"

Report received from *barangay* **San Isidro, Makati**, at 1700H on Election Day – "The ERs [marking] don't go through the 6th copy. You have to break the first copy to let the ink [mark] go through."

Reported by Namfrel **Quezon city** co-chairperson, Elsa Manansala at 1740H on Election Day – *barangay* **Vasra, Quezon city, Mines Elementary School** principal Thelma Villamor insists to get all ERs before releasing to Namfrel. Volunteers said that they will allow only if the other copies of the ERs [for the political parties] will also not be released.

Action taken by Namfrel NCR chairperson Damaso Magbual – "Call Elsa [Manansala]. Do not agree. This will delay the count. Report the matter to Comelec Quezon city."

Reported by Namfrel **Manila** chairperson, Rolando Ingaran at 1800H on Election Day – There are Namfrel IDs without signature worn by political party watchers in **Manila districts 3 and 6**.

Reported by Namfrel **Valenzuela** volunteer, Nap David at 1815H on Election Day – "According to Pastor Francis Garcia of Valenzuela...6th copy of ER weren't given to Namfrel volunteer because Sen. Rene Cayetano ordered that these should be forwarded to Ms. Abesamis of Comelec and in turn given to Lakas-NUCD."

Action taken by Namfrel NCR chairperson Damaso Magbual – "Referred to NCR Comelec...to hotlines...to legal department...back to hotlines."



Reported by Namfrel **Manila District 5** chairperson, Angie Uson at 1820H on Election Day – “Fake Namfrel IDs were distributed by Katapat of mayor Lim...they were posing as Namfrel volunteers.”

Reported by Namfrel **Quezon city** co-chairperson, Elsa Manansala at 1855H on Election Day – “**Payatas B Elementary School**, Dist. 2...Akbayan volunteers told BEI that their affiliation allows them to get 6th copy of ER. Namfrel Voting Center Managers didn't allow it.”

Reported by “CTA 281” of **precinct 1175-A, Pasig** at 1905H on Election Day - “Board of Election Inspector Leonorie Rodriguez, is not cooperating with the poll watcher...poll watchers cannot see the ballot being read.”

Progress report – From Theresa Ates – “Ok as of 1955H.”

From Carlota Chupungco – “Ok as of 2115H...they recounted all what the teacher read previously.”

Reported by Namfrel **Quezon city** co-chairperson, Elsa Manansala at 1905H on Election Day – “Dist. 4, **Tatalon**...pseudo volunteers with 1998 [Namfrel] IDs were roaming around looking for ERs...contained as of now.”

Reported by **Quezon city** co-chairperson, Elsa Manansala at 1930H on Election Day – “**Gen. Roxas Elementary School**, QC district 4...Atty. Teddy Fernandez, head of Ppcrv wants to get the 6th copy of the ER.”

Action taken by Namfrel regional director for NCR Nikki Pascual–
“Referred to Fr. Anton Pascual [of Ppcrv] at 2045H.”

Reported by **San Juan** volunteer, Jody Soner (received by OQC La Salle volunteer Oscar Laboren Garcia) at 2000H on Election Day – “Namfrel San Juan volunteers were advised by Comelec to claim the 6th copy at the gym of the **San Juan Municipal High School**. But the BEIs of the 39 precincts would not give the ERs.



Action taken: Advised chapter to see the election officer.

Reported by volunteer John Chua of **Quezon city, barangay Labrador, precinct 1125-A** on Election Day – “Precinct not using official ER forms...noticed by Namfrel volunteers.”

Action taken: “Resolved...ER forms are now being used.”

Reported by Namfrel **Quezon city** co-chairperson, Elsa Manansala – “Dist. 4, **Manuel Roxas School**...Ppcrv wants to copy results of the elections.”

Action taken: “QC chair informed Ppcrv that they cannot have 6th copy.”

Reported by Namfrel **Quezon city** co-chairperson, Elsa Manansala at 1930H on Election Day – “Alfred Mengulo, head of the group [is] using 1998 Namfrel IDs in order to get the ERs.”

Action taken: “Referred to Fr. Anton Pascual [of Ppcrv] at 2045H.”

Reported by Namfrel **Manila District 5** volunteer, Mon Gareza (received by Namfrel regional director for NCR, Nikki Pascual) at 2047H on Election Day – Teachers of **E. de los Santos Elementary School in Paco** *hindi nagpapasok ng* Namfrel...*sinarado ang kuwarta. Twice nag-brownout sa school lang. May clear sign of sabotage. Might be a conspiracy with teachers and principal. Instructions of the school principal, dapat nakabukas ang ballot box 'pag dineliver sa principal.*

Action taken: Mon will talk to the principal.

Report received by OQC La Salle volunteer Saron Passion at 2010H on Election Day – “The 6th copy was not carbonized clearly”



Action taken: "The poll chairman rewrote the figures and the words and countersigned each correction."

Reported by volunteer, Jody Soner (received by OQC La Salle volunteer Olivia Paz) at 2030H on Election Day – "San Juan...watcher of Estrada is the one who is (sic) tabulating the vote at **Xavier School.**"

Reported by Namfrel **Parañaque** co-chairperson, Edgardo Tirona at 2040H on Election Day – At 1920H, brownout occurred in *barangay* **San Antonio**. Namfrel called Meralco to report [brownout] at 1945H. As of 2015H, there is still no power in the said area. At 2000H, another incident of brownout occurred at the elementary school near the municipal hall. Lights were out but the electric fans were working.

Reported by Namfrel **Quezon city** co-chairperson, Elsa Manansala at 2144H on Election Day – "**Old Balara Elementary School**...the principal, Feliza Beran, refuses to give the ER copies to Namfrel precinct volunteers even after showing her memos. She wants a call from Comelec to confirm that Namfrel is one of the citizens' arms. The principal's number is 951.1885.

Action taken: Atty. Jose Bernas, Namfrel counsel, spoke with the principal and she said everything's okay...she will give the ERs to Namfrel."

Report received from Namfrel **Manila District 5** volunteer, Victor Viray at 2157H on Election Day – Victor Viray is contesting the directive that allows for ballot boxes to be transported from the precincts unsealed as election returns may be altered if such directive [will be followed].

Report received at 2200H on Election Day – "There was a blackout in the entire voting center of **Pinaglabanan Elementary School [San Juan]**, but the surrounding area have electricity."



Reported by Namfrel **Quezon city** co-chairperson, Elsa Manansala at 2211H on Election Day – “**Precinct Annex B, Payatas Elementary School, barangay Payatas...***kahit tinawagan na ng Comelec, ayaw ibigay yung 6th copy ng election returns. Dadalhin na yung gamit sa city hall. If possible, please send in the media to interview the principal, Dolores Leonor as well as the [Namfrel] Voting Center Manager.*”

Reported by Namfrel **Valenzuela** volunteer, Nap David on 2226H on Election Day – “[In] **precinct 410 to 427, Karuhatan East, Valenzuela,** the 6th copy is not being released to our Namfrel representatives. The people in the precinct are saying that it will be released in the municipal hall.”

Report from volunteer Matthew Tato of *barangay* **Concepcion I, Marikina** city at 2225H on Election Day – BEI [of] **precinct 551A-2** lost the 6th copy of the ER. Seemingly a Lakas-Nucd poll watcher took it. A certain Marilou took an envelope that may [have] contained the 6th copy.

Reported by Rolly Garcia of Semnet (Seminarists’ Network) at 2228H on Election Day – “There is a brownout at **Nagkaisang Nayon Elementary School, Capri, Novaliches, Quezon city.** Only the school has no electricity, all other houses and establishments around the school are normal.”

Reported by Namfrel **Marikina** chairperson, Pastor Benedicto Navarro at 2300H on Election Day – “The 6th copy ERs are *malabo* and they are having a hard time deciphering the election results (sic). However, in spite of this they are trying their best.”

Reported by Namfrel **Muntinlupa** volunteer Denise Mañosa, at 2320H on Election Day (received by OQC La Salle volunteer Nancy Poblete) – “**Lakeview and Cupang Elementary** School – still on-and-off power. Cause of power outage not yet confirmed.”



NAMFREL		COMELEC	
As of 7:25 p.m., May 22		7 p.m., May 22	
No. of precincts: 136,283 (67.80%)		Rank	
1	DE CASTRO 10,815,952	1	6,314,878
2	FLAVIER 7,959,068	2	4,403,063
3	OSMEÑA 7,871,644	3	4,376,872
4	MAGSAYSAY 7,624,820	4	4,317,899
5	DRILON 7,614,674	6	4,222,301
6	ARROYO 7,614,535	7	4,194,222
7	VILLAR 7,481,382	5	4,282,055
8	PANGILINAN 7,381,847	8	4,157,633
9	ANGARA 7,221,687	10	3,954,070
10	LACSON 6,987,520	12	3,848,482
11	IEJERCITO 6,940,385	11	3,881,535
12	RECTO 6,893,114	9	4,103,929
13	HONASAN 6,864,479	13	3,828,657
14	SANTIAGO 6,428,783	15	3,484,307
15	EVRILE 6,388,195	14	3,571,157
16	PUINO 5,976,122	16	3,092,852
17	TANADA 5,512,708	18	2,947,527
18	MERCADO 5,006,207	17	3,069,799
19	PAGDANGANAN 4,782,542	19	2,575,896
20	HERRERA 4,701,452	20	2,473,494
21	MONSOD 4,581,431	21	2,448,252
22	RASILIL 3,433,297	23	1,711,301
23	MADRIGAL 3,363,366	24	1,694,483
24	CHATO 3,285,239	22	1,780,433
25	YASAY 3,195,816	25	1,691,391
26	CANOY 2,451,126	26	1,274,924
27	TAMANO 2,299,785	27	1,115,113
28	ADAZA 536,185	28	343,082
29	MORATO 456,163	30	207,907
30	NAVARRO 430,871	29	226,916

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Reported by Namfrel
Manila District 2
 chairperson, Anthony Calma at 2320H on Election Day (received by OQC La Salle volunteer Chriselle Pascual) –Nieves Boco of **El Arcelino Elementary School** doesn't want to give the 6th copy to a Namfrel volunteer. She insists that a Namfrel volunteer come with her to go to Aquino Stadium for the 6th copy.

Action taken: "To call Nieves Boco, principal (2538697) to clear up things. Atty. Jose Bernas [Namfrel counsel] she said everything is *okay na*. Anthony Calma just spoke with her. She said the ER said 'citizens' arm' not Namfrel that's why she did not give the ERs to us."

Reported by volunteer Jojo of **Malabon** at 0020H, Day 1 after Election Day (received by OQC La Salle volunteer



Ronnie Pablo) – “*Nagkakaproblema sila sa ER. Yung iba dumarating local [ER] lang ang laman. Walang senatorial at party list. Yung iba naman party list [ERs] lang ang laman.*”

Report received by OQC La Salle volunteer Jean de Castro at 0115H, Day 1 after Election Day – “**E. delos Santos School, Manila**...*barangay* captain is roving in the precincts and is instructing teachers, which he is not supposed to do. He can only watch and not interfere.”

Reported by Leo Trandrup and Rommel Gonzales of **Taguig** at 0320H, Day 1 after Election Day - “*Kagawad ni Mayor Papa nag-insist na dalhin ang ballot box kahit hindi pa tapos [ang counting].*”

Action taken: “*Walang ballot boxes na nailabas dahil sa mga watchers and volunteers na nakabantay doon.*”

Reported by Namfrel **Valenzuela** volunteer, Nap David on 0615H, Day 1 after Election Day - “At around 2330H on May 14, 2001 [Election Day], a certain group of people, of unrecalled names stating that they are from DILG, arrived with blank form of results (Tabulation Sheets). They are asking for election results and stated that they will be back in the afternoon of May 15, 2001.”

Action taken: “Called Ms. David and informed her not to give any results until properly checked with DILG and ask assistance from proper authorities. Advised to seek assistance with the Comelec.”

Reported by Namfrel regional director Danilo Pilar, Day 1 after Election Day – In **Parañaque city**, at a little past 1800H, unidentified men escorted by Marines brought our a ballot box from the canvassing area presumably containing election documents and loaded it in a vehicle identified to be that of [mayoral candidate] Joey Marquez. Later, a box (later discovered containing election returns) was attempted to be brought out, disguised as garbage, but prevented by angry Olivarez [mayoral candidate] supporters.



Report from Namfrel **Pasay city** chairperson, Angel Gonzales, Jr. at 2030H, Day 1 after Election Day – “At 1930H, supporters of losing candidates Greg Alcera and Ding Santos have rallies in front of the canvassing area near Cuneta Astrodome. Around 1,000 supporters are in the area and may threaten violence. Police have been summoned [and the] situation is under control at the moment.”

Report from Namfrel **Valenzuela** volunteer, Nap David of at 1130H, Day 2 after Election Day (received by OQC La Salle volunteer Mitch Hernandez) – “Some ERs have no names of local candidates but have figures of total votes.”

Report received by OQC La Salle volunteer Yvonne Tabanes at 1730H, Day 2 after Election Day – Missing congressional **ER 84010588** of **precinct 593A/594A** of *barangay Concepcion I, Marikina city*; missing local ER for **precinct 561A-1** from the same *barangay*.

Report received at 0328H, Day 3 after Election Day - Unreadable congressional and party list ER for **precinct 208A/210A-1** of *barangay Malanday, Marikina city*.

Report received at 1423H, Day 3 after Election Day – **Pasay** Comelec canvassing will resume at 1400H today with the sorting of ERs. Actual canvassing [will start] late this afternoon. The Comelec and Namfrel had to stop operations last night as supporters of the two losing candidates rallied outside the offices of both operations, throwing stones at their [tally] boards. At this point security is their main concern as news have been spreading that the rallyists would come back tonight with more people supporting them.

Report from Namfrel **Taguig** chairperson, Marcelino Mozo at 1317H, Day 5 after Election Day (received by OQC La Salle volunteer Ronald Venida) – “Comelec is tense due to harassment on both camps. Comelec wants to transfer counting in Intramuros, although counting is 100% complete. They don’t want to declare winner. Marines are (sic) present already in the vicinity. Sun Cable/Sun Vision



covered (sic) the updating due to unfavorable (sic) results against the incumbent, proclamation is being withheld.”

Letter from Namfrel **Taguig** chairperson, Marcelino Mozo at 2045H, Day 5 after Election Day – “Please be informed that as per request of Ms. Rodin (Comelec Head – Taguig), we are delaying the release of the results to prevent tension from rising between the camps of Mayor Papa and Freddie Tinga. Also, they fear for their safety as they are already being harassed from both sides. We shall release information as soon as they have transferred to [Comelec] Intramuros.”

Southern Luzon

Reported by Namfrel **Batangas** coordinator, Wilfredo Bleza at 0700H on Election Day – **Balete** [Batangas] mayoral candidate Pamplona was wounded by gunshot last night.

Letter of Namfrel **Rizal** chairperson Jose Roland Moya to Comelec executive director Mamasapunod Aguam on Election Day

I would like to bring to your attention the refusal of certain Mr. Catolos, principal of **Sampaloc Elementary School in Tanay, Rizal**, to allow Namfrel to establish either a base of its operations or a voters’ assistance desk inside the premises of the voting center. The matter was brought to my attention by one of our coordinators in Sampaloc, Tanay, Rizal at around 2100H today, Sunday. I immediately contacted Mr. Catolos by telephone to inquire about the reasons for his refusal and to appeal for a reconsideration of his decision. Mr. Catolos reiterated his objection to our request averring that:

- a. The establishment and maintenance of a base of operations by Namfrel within the voting center “will disrupt” the conduct of the elections.



- b. The presence of Namfrel volunteers should be restricted inside the precincts. Thus, Namfrel or any other citizens' accredited arm should not be allowed to field volunteers anywhere else inside the polling place.
- c. Setting-up of a voters' assistance desk inside the polling place is no longer necessary as the voter's list are already posted in the entrance of the various precincts.

I would like to believe that the reasons for Mr. Catolos refusal to grant the aforementioned request of our chapter in Sampaloc, Tanay, Rizal are untenable for the following reasons:

- a. The establishment of a base of operations within the voting center, far from being disruptive would in fact ensure an efficient coordinated discharge of our functions. The absence of one will mean that our precinct volunteers will have difficulty locating the voting center manager and assistant voting center manager. While we maintain chapter headquarters, it is highly desirable to likewise establish a more or less permanent presence in the polling place while the elections are [in] progress so our precinct and roving volunteers would know where to go in the event they need to consult with their voting center managers. It should also serve as a place where food and drinks will be initially brought prior to distribution to our volunteers. More importantly, this is the place where the 6th copy of the election returns received from the BEI chair will be received, accumulated and finally transmitted by our voting center managers to a designated tabulation center in the municipality or city. The base of operations suggested by our chapter in Sampaloc, Tanay is the grandstand inside the school. It is separated from the main school building by a firewall. In no way will the free flow of human traffic be unduly hampered. We can assure Mr. Catolos that our volunteers are highly responsible individuals.



- They would not tolerate any situation that will disturb or disrupt the conduct of the elections in his school in any manner whatsoever.
- b. We might be mistaken, but perhaps the rendition of voters' assistance by the citizens' arm in the polling place would entail fielding volunteers even outside the precincts especially in the voters' assistance desk.
 - c. The establishment and maintenance of a voters' assistance desk would serve a useful purpose. It would help decongest the entrance of the precincts. As the voters' enter the polling place, they could right away search or verify the number and location of their polling precincts in the voters' assistance desk where copies of the voters' list secured by the citizens' arm from the local municipal offices will be made available. Volunteers will be present in the voters' assistance desk to guide the voters through the pages and direct or in certain cases, accompany them to where their precincts are located.

We hope that the issues we raised will merit your attention and immediate disposition. In requesting a base of operations inside Sampaloc Elementary School, our chapter's main objective is efficient, coordinated, and orderly discharge of its responsibilities and mandate as part of an organization given accreditation by Comelec as one [of its] accredited citizens' arm in the May 14, 2001 elections.

Reported by Namfrel **Cavite** chairperson, Fr. Ferdinand Quiambao at 1300H on Election Day – "Two grenades exploded in **Alolod Elementary School** in **Indang, Cavite** at 0300H. No one was hurt. Two grenades were found in **Indang Elementary School** at 1230H."

Reported by volunteer Maricel Limjolo at 1815H on Election Day – **Rizal** Namfrel chairperson Roland Moya reported that a black-out occurred at 1645H in the towns of **Binangonan, Teresa, Cordona** and a portion of **Morong** until the time of this report. The whole of *barangay* **Boso-boso in Antipolo** is without



electricity since morning. **Baras** stopped counting due to the blackout that occurred 15 minutes ago.

Reported by Namfrel regional director Danilo Pilar at 1740H on Election Day – “John Abejuro, provincial coordinator of **Albay**, reported that the [volunteers of the] municipality of **Sto. Domingo** informed him [of] the case of the 6th copy of ERs that were ‘carbonless’ [without ‘carbon’ and not making an imprint].”

Action taken: “We already advised Albay to use PTF [Precinct Tally Forms] and attach [it to] the blank ER.”

Reported by Namfrel **Batangas** coordinator Wilfredo Bleza (reporting for **Abra de Ilog, Occidental Mindoro**) at 1850H on Election Day – “Mr. Montenegro, candidate for the mayoral position, was shot dead. Two days ago, one of his supporters was also shot dead.”

Reported by Namfrel **Masbate** volunteer, Filemon Payte (through Namfrel regional director Danilo Pilar at OQC La Salle) at 1901H on Election Day – “Armed goons intervened in the election process in **Uson, Masbate** at about 1600H.”

Report received by Namfrel regional director for Southern Luzon Paolo Maligaya at 1617H on Election Day – Estimated 38 voters not in the voters list in **Gen. Nakar, Quezon**, and one *barangay* (100 plus voters) in **Infanta, Quezon**. They were voters in 1998.

Reported by Namfrel **Laguna** coordinator, Kelly Beltran at 2310H on Election Day – Some precincts have no lighting. Lighting in [the municipalities of] **Cabuyao** and **San Pablo** are on-and-off. There were two lady flying voters **Alaminos**. They are now under police [custody].

Reported by Namfrel **Palawan** chairperson Tes Cantillo at 1745H, Day 1 after Election Day – “Leonisa Borromeo, 28 years old, native of Dagupan [in] Tondo,



Manila, presently residing at Sitio Campo *barangay* Poblacion was caught voting under the name of Maria Teresa Decolongon in precinct 33A, Taytay Elementary School in Taytay, Palawan. She filled up official ballot number 0016418.”

Report from **Camarines Sur** - No election returns were received from 13 municipalities, namely: **Baao, Cabusao, Canaman, Del Gallego, Libmanan, Lupi, Magarao, Pamplona, Pasacao, San Fernando, Sipocot and Simura**.

The towns and municipalities where the SOVP and COCs were not given to Namfrel in spite of request and notification to the Comelec: **Baao, Balatan, Bato, Bombon, Camaligan, Lagonoy, Magarao, Milaor, Minalabac, Naga city, Ocampo, Presentacion, San Jose, Siruma, and Tinambac**.

Visayas

Report from Namfrel **Leyte** on Election Day (received by Namfrel executive director, Telibert Laoc) – “**Matag-ob** [Southern Leyte] and **Pastrana** [Leyte] – BEIs did not release any of the ERs, not even to the political parties. Volunteers waited for the COC and SOV. There is something fishy with Southern Leyte.”

Reported by Namfrel **Antique** chairperson, Sally Tejares, at 2200H on Election Day – Mrs. Gorero, a BEI chair, of **Hamtic, Antique** refused to give the 6th copy. No reasons were cited.

Reported on Election Day by volunteer Leah Polo of **Jaro, Leyte, barangay II, precinct 11-A** - BEIs refused to give ER (serial number 21180029) in spite of presentation of valid identification card by the Namfrel volunteer.



Reported by Namfrel **Matag-ob, Leyte** chairperson, Engr. Angelo Pastor at 1800H, Day 1 after of Election Day (message received by OQC La Salle volunteer Ma. Concepcion Calimon at 1555H, Day 2 after Election Day)– “One of the

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Partial unofficial results as of 4:22 p.m.			
RANK	CANDIDATE	PARTY	VOTES
1.	DE CASTRO, NOLI	(Ind)	10,557,244
2.	FLAVIER, JUAN	(PPC)	7,742,508
3.	OSMEÑA, SERGIO III	(PPC)	7,622,950
4.	MAGSAYSAY JR., RAMON	(PPC)	7,399,585
5.	ARROYO, JOKER	(PPC)	7,396,128
6.	DRILON, FRANKLIN	(PPC)	7,376,490
7.	VILLAR JR., MANUEL	(PPC)	7,252,191
8.	PANGILINAN, FRANCIS	(PPC)	7,166,265
9.	ANGARA, EDGARDO	(PNM)	7,037,047
10.	LACSON, PANFILO	(PNM)	6,620,287
11.	EJERCITO, LUISA	(PNM)	6,776,781
12.	HONASAN, GREGORIO	(PNM)	6,708,574
13.	RECTO, RALPH	(PPC)	6,696,505
14.	SANTIAGO, MIRIAM	(PNM)	6,264,755
15.	ENRILE, JUAN PONCE	(PNM)	6,235,605
16.	PUNO, RICARDO	(PNM)	5,741,432
17.	TAÑADA, WIGBERTO	(PPC)	5,361,333

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employees of the Comelec municipal office just implemented a two year-long order of the municipal election officer to discard and burn the ballot boxes of 1998 which triggered the ire of the [supporters] of mayoralty candidate Henry Laurente, and caused tension among them and among the public. [As a result] the municipal counting was stopped at 0900H and just resumed at early afternoon.”

Action taken:

“Reported the incident to the Namfrel provincial chair [who] reported to the national office of Namfrel and [also] sought the assistance of

the PNP through major general Yorro of the Regional command for security [of the place].”



Reported by Namfrel **Tacloban, Leyte** volunteer, Lilia Palcon at 0500H, Day 1 after Election Day (message received by OQC La Salle volunteer Ma. Concepcion Calimon at 1555H, Day 2 after Election Day) – “Guido Danilo refused to give the ER to the ‘Namfrel Deputy Authorized by Comelec to collect the 6th copy of the Election Return’ in spite of presentation of valid identification cards by the Namfrel volunteer. [The reason given was that] the Namfrel Volunteer will be the one to get [the ER] at the Comelec office.”

Action taken: Called the Comelec office but the city election officer is busy with the counting of votes.

Report from Namfrel **Rizal** provincial chairperson, Roland Moya, at 0152H, Day 1 after Election Day – At about 2100H of May 14, Namfrel Taytay volunteer Edwin San Mateo was found lying along the floodway with abrasions and lacerations in some parts of his body. According to an account from a volunteer from Namfrel Angono, Mr. San Mateo’s Kawasaki [motorcycle] hit a road crater and was thrown off his bike. This account is based on the statements of one witness Jeffrey Gallo, a tricycle driver, who also brought San Mateo to the Angono hospital. Doctors advised San Mateo to remain in the hospital for observation of his head injuries. He had a fractured shoulder and a deep wound on his right eyebrow. His wife, some relatives, and fellow Namfrel Taytay volunteers were with him at the hospital. We at Namfrel Rizal [province] are requesting for cash donations to assist in shouldering the cost of medication and hospitalization.

Reported received by OQC La Salle volunteer Lito Domitorio at 1945H, Day 1 after Election Day – “There is practically a breakdown in reporting from the whole province [of **Capiz**] because the BEIs will not turn over the 6th copy [of the ER] to Namfrel. Canvass from **Panit-an** [municipality] and **Maayon** [municipality] town [were] transferred to [the] capitol in Roxas city. Comelec **Pontevedra** [municipality] has been barred by the townspeople from going to the capitol. Fr. Billones [provincial chairperson] and Fanny Fortez [provincial coordinator] have been exhorting Namfrel volunteers to insist on their duties.



Reported by Namfrel Chair of **Aklan**, Virgilio Baustista at 0815H, Day 2 after Election Day – Precinct is currently under the control of a candidate. The ERs in that precinct weren't given to Namfrel volunteers.

Reported by Namfrel **Matalom, Leyte** municipal chairperson Roger Agaton, Day 2 after Election Day –I regret, I cannot retrieve the ERs from the Ppcrv people. My appointment as municipal chairman was not recognized by them in spite of my proper coordination and involvement with them. Their loyalty is based on the diocesan mandate by Fr. Bobong Golo. I visited his office at the chancery last Wednesday (May 9) but I was not able to contact him personally, so I confer[ed] this matter [with] one of his staff. Fr. Golo did not inform his staff regarding my role, so the ERs were not given to me. It is still under the custody of the Ppcrv people in the municipality of Matalom.

Reported by Namfrel **Buraen, Leyte** volunteer, Jaime Exconde at 0100H, Day 2 after Election Day – At around 0105H there was a misunderstanding between the municipal election officer and some supporters of the candidates. The EO decided to stop the canvassing and resume in the morning at 0800H. Supporters refused.

Action taken: I commented that the canvassing should continue because there is still time and some supporters are still around and in the first place it was a minor problem. We prayed and continued with the canvassing.

Inside the *Sanggunian Bayan* Hall, a member of the BEI and a supporter of Juanito Renomeron exchanged harsh words and almost got into a fistfight.

One ballot box was opened (it was not intentional maybe because the receivers might have overlooked this matter) and some supporters [interpreted such incident as an attempt to make] alternations on the ERs.



Action taken: To clarify the issue of alterations or tampering on the ballot box by opening the box and canvass the ERs, [we] let them borrow the sealed 6th copy [of the ER of Namfrel] until [the matter] was settled.

Reported by Namfrel **Baybay, Leyte** chairperson, Ma. Aurora Teresita Tabada, Day 1 after Election Day (message received by OQC La Salle volunteer Ma. Concepcion Calimon at 1555H, Day 2 after Election Day) – “This is with regard to the conduct of election in the municipality of Baybay, Leyte. The following were observed yesterday.

1. Vote buying was widespread, systematic and proof was demanded from the voters. According to reports amounts ranged from P100-500. In some instances, voters who presented proof of their vote (in most cases using carbon paper) were given an additional P100. Five voters were caught with the carbon paper while voting.
2. Many names were not found in the voters’ list especially transferees. Upon instruction of the provincial election supervisor, voters not found in the list were allowed to vote provided [their names] were found in the 1998 list.
3. BEIs in three precincts forgot to let their voters sign the VRR [Voter Registration Record].
4. Many precincts did not have any election returns when the counting started. According to the municipal treasurer, 32 precincts were not provided with ERs because the supplies from the Comelec were also lacking.
5. The canvassing of election returns has been postponed pending the arrival of an election officer. The present OIC election officer is only authorized to collect the ER and ensure the safety of the ballots boxes.

Regarding the Namfrel operations, as of 0700H of May 16, we have tallied 82% of the election returns.



Volunteer Francisca Pinon of *barangay* **Tabunok, Palompon, Leyte** reported on Day 3 after Election Day that the BEIs released the 6th copy of the election return a non-Namfrel representative.”

Reported by Namfrel **Tacloban, Leyte** chairperson, Angelito Lim, Day 4 after Election Day – “Leyte province has two cities, Tacloban in the eastern part facing Samar and Ormoc in the west, facing Cebu. Tacloban is considered as the trading center of Eastern Visayas and is the near of government of the province. Tacloban is composed of 138 *barangays* with 38 voting centers for the 485 precincts with total registered voters of 79,915.

The election was generally peaceful though there were reports of alleged vote buying by practically all candidates. Voters’ turnout could be 75% to 80% more or less. Problems encountered by the Operation Quick Count could be generalized into:

1. The 6th copy of the election returns are almost illegible, lacked information, with some pages missing.
2. Counting at precinct level was quite slow; some stopped and resumed only the following morning.
3. Some BEIs refused to give the ERs to the authorized volunteers. Picking up the ER envelopes at the Comelec further delayed the tabulation.
4. Volunteers were not as many as last 1998 elections due to the delay in accreditation and organization.

Some ERs that were not given at the precincts could not be retrieved from the Comelec office claiming they have [already] disposed all [ERs] that were given [to them] by the BEIs. It is observed that the Comelec does not account for these documents as they can always claim that these envelopes were already taken at the precinct level. The claimants like the Namfrel, the dominant majority party and the dominant minority party are the ones sorting out these envelopes at the Comelec office.



The transmittal of the certificate of canvass from the city board of canvassers will be delayed due to the suspension of the canvassing as petitioned by one of the local candidates. Suspension of the canvassing was reportedly for 10 days. Only by then will canvassing resume. Because of this, some candidates have started requesting for the local Namfrel's assistance. Shipment of the 6th copies of ERS to Namfrel La Salle Greenhills will therefore be deferred until the settlement of the aforementioned issue."

Reported by Namfrel **Leyte** volunteer, Angelo Pastor, Day 4 after Election Day – There is no COC for [the municipality of] **Matag-ob**. The canvassing was stopped as per order of Comelec because of mob protest from opposition parties because the incumbent was leading. Municipal canvass will resume on May 23, 2001 at the provincial Comelec office.

Reported by Namfrel **Biliran** volunteer, Lilia Palcon at 2000H, Day 4 after Election Day – "BEIs refused to give the ER to the 'Namfrel Deputy Authorized by Comelec to Collect the 6th copy of the Election Return' in spite of presentation of valid identification card/s by the Namfrel volunteer. The BEI chair Carmencita Onggiu gave the ERs of **Calubian** [municipality] to BEI assistant Jolibeth Ong and brought the ballots boxes to the provincial canvass in Naval. The COC was given to me. No ERs from **Culaba** as of this date."

Reported by Namfrel **Iloilo** chairperson, Arturo Salazar (received by Namfrel regional director Martha Castro) at 0940H, Day 5 after Election Day – "The Comelec obtained from him photocopies of the SOVs and MCOCs for their provincial tabulation. What bothers him is that even though it is already well-known [publicized] that these SOVs and MCOCs were erroneous, the Comelec continues to tabulate/consolidate [from] these results. **He has evidence that Namfrel's 6th copies of the ERs seem to be intentionally rendered unreadable. He has in his possession 7th copies [of the ER] which are readable while the 6th copies are not.**



From Walberto Honey, chairperson of **Northern Samar** on 19 May, Day 6 after Election Day

1. The serial number of election returns for local positions and election returns for national positions intended for the same precinct bear different serial numbers.
2. Number of voters and ballots in the election returns are missing.
3. There is miscounting of votes and there are errors in the reflecting tallies to figures and figures to words.
4. A third member of the BEI of one precinct is at the same time a poll clerk of another.

Reported by Namfrel **Eastern Samar** coordinator, Bob Dylan Ejem at 1700H, Day 11 after Election Day – There were no election returns (6th copy) forwarded to Namfrel Eastern Samar ... only the COV was furnished to the provincial chapter. The five missing election returns were not forwarded to the provincial headquarters. There were discrepancies in the figures in the COC.

Reported by Namfrel **Iloilo** chairperson, Arturo Salazar, Day 7 after Election Day

To: Telibert Laoc/Jose Concepcion Jr.

Subject: ER quality of COC or copy of Namfrel in general

Experience of past and present elections have demonstrated that copies [of election returns] for Namfrel have always been inferior to the other copies.

After consultation with credible and knowledgeable [persons in the] printing sources, we were informed that if the [chemical used for the] carbonless copies were expired, then the selective sabotage of Namfrel will have succeeded.



Reported by Namfrel **Eastern Samar** provincial chairperson, Onesimo Lumactod, Jr., on 29 May – Elections were conducted in some parts of the municipality of **Can-avid** due to insufficient election materials and paraphernalia. The provincial Comelec has asked the Comelec *en banc* for a date on which to hold the special elections.

Mindanao

Reported by **Zamboanga city** volunteer, Alber Hussin at 1535H on Election Day – “Teachers reported that they don’t have ERs and keys to the ballot boxes were missing. Tally sheets are also missing.”

Action taken: At 1430H called Comelec that replied that it’s beyond their control since all election materials were given to the teachers already. At 1930H, Comelec sent them ERs and keys. BEI used blackboard in lieu of the tally sheet as witnessed by Namfrel volunteers.

From Namfrel **Sultan Kudarat** chairperson, Hermie Ferolino at 1645 on Election Day – “Ballot boxes for **Isulan, Sultan Kudarat** have been labeled as Maguindanao causing some confusion and apprehension to voters and some BEIs. This may be due to a mistake and confusion since Sultan Kudarat is the name of a municipality (in Maguindanao) and the province. Isulan bombing this morning - three fatalities. **Palembang** [municipality] ERs will be delayed because of transport difficulties.

Action taken: “Monitor closely ballots and results”

Reported by Namfrel **Zamboanga city** coordinator, Ma. Victoria Montañó at 1745H on Election Day – Two precincts reported that they lack ERs so they are photocopying forms. Montañó inquired if there is a resolution allowing the photocopying of such forms.

Action taken: Telibert suggested [that they] use Namfrel’s PTF.



National Citizens' Movement for Free Elections (NAMFREL)
Cebu City, N. Samar

May 19, 2001

TO : Mr. Jose R. Concepcion, Jr.
National Chairman

FROM : Mr. Walberto A. Honey
Provincial Chairman

SUBJECT : GENERAL OBSERVATIONS - 1

After six days of monitoring and direct counting of votes with thorough verifications on the Election Returns (ER), we hereby acknowledge some major and minor discrepancies in the process, on the 21 municipalities of Northern Samar.

We do express the following observations:

1. Differences on Serial Numbers in the Local and National Position.
2. Data on Voters and Ballots with no entries given.
3. Miscounting and mis-transferred of votes from tally in figures, and from figures to words.
4. Photocopied election returns with "black-colored ink" that differs from the common "violet-colored ink" serial numbers on the 6th copy of the citizen card.
5. We found out one member of the PNP who is a "third member" of one precinct and at the same time "poll clerk" of another precinct.
6. Some chairmen of the BEI do not have their thumbmark on the ER.

These are general observations gathered as we went through with our Election 2001 National Quick Count.

For your reference and guidance:


WALBERTO A. HONEY
Provincial Chairman



Report from Namfrel **Lanao del Norte** co-chairpersons Clem Dumlao and Jun Lumbo on 1840H on Election Day (through Namfrel Regional Director for Mindanao Eric Alvia) – “Elections postponed for the municipality of **Pantar** according to Comelec Asst. Regional Director Limbaco due to incomplete or missing election paraphernalia in voting centers.”

Reported by Namfrel **Lanao del Norte** provincial chairperson, Jun Lumbo at 1840H on Election Day - "For the municipality of **Pantar** - elections postponed according to Comelec findings per Assistant Regional Director Limbaco due to incomplete or missing election paraphernalia in voting centers.

Municipality of **Magsaysay**- Namfrel volunteers weren't able to reach their voting centers since roads leading to them were strewn with nails. Except for these two incidents, the rest of Lanao del Norte is peaceful including Iligan. Mr. Lumbo denied reports that Namfrel volunteers in Iligan and Lanao del Norte are partisan in favor of (congressional) PPC candidate."

Action taken: "Fr. Anton Bañez will take charge of collecting ERs in Magsaysay to be delivered to Iligan OQC HQ. They will give detailed report on Pantar and Magsaysay."

Reported by Namfrel **Compostela Valley** executive director, Jun Palabao at 1918H on Election Day – “Elements of the 60th IB of the Philippine Army were reported to be openly campaigning for **Monkayo** mayoralty bet Jose Brillantes. Incumbent town mayor and re-electionist Avelino Cabag immediately requested for the pullout of the ‘partisan’ troops. Town residents almost raised an uproar were it not for the timely pullout and a redeployment of new troops. Elections in the municipality (Monkayo) opened today which is relatively calm.”

Report from volunteer Jasmin Eusebio of *barangay Tetuan, Zamboanga city* at 1930H on Election Day – “BEI of **precinct 491-A** was counting votes by marking the tally board only and not simultaneously on the (sic) election return. This was admitted by the chairman of the BEI Lorelie Rosal citing that this was



her first time to be chairman. This admission was made upon confrontation with Atty. Arsenio Ruiz, Ppcrv, whom we requested assistance from.”

Action taken: “We coordinated with one of the head teachers to find a solution and with the assistance of Ppcrv, ordered a recount, this time marking both the tally board and election return – with the watchers of the different parties and Namfrel ensuring that each vote is marked correctly.”

Report from Namfrel **Zamboanga city** staff at 2015H on Election Day – “Zamboanga city, **precincts 445A-1 and 448A-1**...no Comelec staff in **Talontalon** Area to validate or authenticate documents. **Precinct 448A-1** has no ERs.”

Action taken: Namfrel staff still trying to get hold of Comelec.

Report from Namfrel National Council Member Patricia Sison (through Namfrel Regional Director for Mindanao Eric Alvia) at 2140H on Election Day – “**Tubod, Lanao del Norte**...candidate Abdullah Dimaporo has convinced and sought assistance of PNP provincial commander Col. Sanip (relative of Dimaporo) through the intercession of Paul Dominguez that the ballot boxes of Tubod be brought to the provincial capitol instead of canvassing in the municipal hall.”

Report from Namfrel **Zamboanga city** volunteer, Teresa Fabugais, at 2150H on Election Day –**Precincts 616A and 616A-1** [*barangay Sinumbong*]...BEI Helen dela Torre did not finish the canvassing of votes and wanted to bring it home. Namfrel volunteers stopped them and they left the ballot boxes. All three teachers also left including the chairman. All party watchers also abandoned the boxes. The boxes are being watched by Namfrel volunteers and the police.

Action taken: “2215H: Called Comelec’s Roy Cuevas and he authorized our Namfrel volunteers to transport the said boxes to



Comelec office under police escort. 2230H: Namfrel volunteers will deliver the boxes to the Comelec office.”

Report from Namfrel **Sulu** OQC chairperson, Brenda de Vera at 2300H on Election Day (received by OQC La Salle volunteer Michelle Yap) – “Namfrel volunteers have not yet gotten returns for they are waiting for the approval that the AFP members, instead of the teachers, will man the tabulation as BEIs.”

Report from Namfrel **North Cotabato** chairperson, Msgr. Ronilo Villamor at 2302H on Election Day – “Many of the registered voters were not able to find their names in the official list of voters.”

Report from Jinky of Comelec Cagayan de Oro city at 2328H on Election Day (received by OQC La Salle volunteer Francisco Valmoria) – “Mrs. Orot, principal of **North City Central Elementary School, Puntod, Cagayan de Oro** city, won’t release the ERs for Namfrel because she wants to submit [them] as one complete set. The rationale is that she won’t receive her salary if confronted with submitting incomplete returns.”

Report from Namfrel **Basilan** chairperson, Michael Manapol at 2230H on Election Day – “Lighting facilities in schools are inadequate (sic) while tallying the votes. Ppcrv and Namfrel volunteers gave assistance by providing candles, etc., in the tallying.”

Reports from Namfrel **Maguindanao** chairperson, Fr. Eliseo Mercado, Jr., OMI,

2235H on Election Day – “First Report on the Election process in the municipality of **Matanog, 1st district of Maguindanao**

1. At about 0700H at Matanog, Maguindanao, two mortar shells exploded near the vicinity of the municipal hall.
2. Of the 60 teachers, who were supposed to serve in the election, only 16 reported.



3. Due to mortar shell bombing before the distribution of the ballot boxes to the precincts, the electorates of the said municipality went back to the evacuation centers and could not vote anymore because of fear.
4. The election officer of Matanog, after the bombing, immediately declared failure of election in the said municipality around 0730H on Election Day.
5. Around 1130H, the military took over the election process per instruction of Comelec Regional Director Atty. Clarita Callar.
6. Mayoralty candidate Kahir Macapeges of the Lakas-Nucd objected the military takeover.
7. Due to disagreement between the candidates following the confusion due to bombing and later the declaration of failure of the election, majority of the voters were no longer interested in the election processes.
8. The Lakas-Nucd under its leader Maguindanao provincial governor Zacaria Candao is petitioning Comelec for the declaration of the total failure of election in the municipality of Matanog.
9. Namfrel Maguindanao endorses the petition for failure of election because of the confusion following the mortar shell explosion, the declaration of failure of election by the election registrar of the said municipality, and the scampering of voters and their immediate return to the evacuation [centers] and homes.”

2310H on Election Day – “Monitoring of Election Processes in the 2nd

District of Maguindanao covering the following municipalities:

Ampatuan, Shariff Aguak, Datu Piang, Talayan, and Datu Odin Sinsuat

1. It is noticeable that in all the said municipalities posters of local candidates of the Lakas-Nucd were nowhere (sic) to be seen. All the above municipalities were understood as exclusive preserves of Kampi candidates under the leadership of gubernatorial candidate Datu Andal Ampatuan.



2. During the monitoring visit of Namfrel in the said municipalities, poor voters' turnout was very noticeable except in the central school of *barangay* **Kauran, Central School of Shariff Aguak, Central School in Datu Piang, and Central School in Datu Odin Sinsuat**. Yet the BEIs in the voting centers along the highway traversing the above-mentioned municipalities reported a voters' turnout of 70-100%.
3. It is also noticeable from the interviews with (sic) the BEIs that as of 1400H, they were not sure where the actual counting would take place. They were waiting for instructions from the local election registrar whether to proceed to the municipal hall of the above-mentioned municipalities or count the votes in their respective precincts. They did NOT have the election returns.
4. In all the voting centers in the above-mentioned municipalities visited by Namfrel Provincial Task Force, not a single watcher belonged (sic) to the Lakas-Nucd and Pwersa ng Masa.
5. Namfrel Provincial Task Force learned at about 1500H that counting of votes would be done in their respective municipal halls, even without watchers from other political parties except Kampi.
6. The election process in all the abovementioned municipalities have been very peaceful notwithstanding low voters' turnout."

2325H on Election Day – "Report No. 3 – Monitoring of Election Processes in the **1st District of Maguindanao** covering the following municipalities: **Parang, Sultan Kudarat, and Matanog**

1. The actual voting in Matanog municipality began at about 1300H after the military had taken over the electoral processes in the said municipality.
2. Except for the municipality of Matanog, no untoward incident was reported. Elections in Parang and Sultan Kudarat municipalities had been peaceful in spite of the reported massive cheating and vote



buying in the municipality of Parang. The report was not substantiated.

3. Elections in Parang and Sultan Kudarat municipalities proceeded smoothly in spite of the above allegations.”

2350H on Election Day – “Report on **Sultan sa Barongis municipality, 2nd District of Maguindanao**

1. The Election Registrar of the said municipality decided to postpone the counting of ballots in all precincts due to the following reasons:
 - 1.1 Poor lighting facilities in the municipal hall, and
 - 1.2 The peace and order situation after dark.
2. The counting of ballots will take place in the municipal hall tomorrow morning, May 15, 2001.

There was no untoward incident during Election Day except of the already reported grenade explosion in *barangay Poblacion* last Saturday, May 12, at about 2300H with three dead and 28 wounded.”

Reported by Namfrel **Lanao del Sur** volunteer, Atty. Lacsaman Busaran (received by OQC La Salle volunteer Benjamin Mina) at 2113H on Election Day – There was a failure of election in **Dumalondon, Lanao del Sur** [because] teachers were afraid to serve. They claimed that some of their relatives and friends are running and to secure themselves, they did not go about the elections. There was also a misunderstanding between the traditional and civic leaders that [contributed] to the fear [which was reasoned to be the cause of the failure of the elections].

Action taken: This was reported to the Comelec and relayed to the commissioner-in-charge. They are awaiting further instructions to proceed with the special elections.



Reported by Namfrel **Surigao del Norte** chairperson, Msgr. Prescilo Iral, at 2340H on Election Day – There was power disruption at **Ipil Elementary School, Ipil** [municipality] from 2200H-2220H. Surigao del Norte is placed under Comelec control.

Reported by Namfrel **Sulu** volunteer, Alexander Rambano at 2345H on Election Day – [via SMS] “As of 2230H, the counting of ballots has not yet started. The ballot boxes have just arrived at the tabulation center.”

Report from **Butuan city, Agusan del Norte** volunteer, Ronilo Barsatug at 0030H, Day 1 after Election Day – ...(b) failure to put indelible ink; (c) two voters failed to vote because somebody voted already in their behalf; (d) many registered voters failed to vote because their names were omitted/not included in the final list of voters although they were able to vote during the previous election.”

Report from **Magallanes, Agusan del Norte** at 0030H, Day 1 after Election Day – “Some teachers (members of the BEI) refused to furnish Namfrel volunteers copy of the election returns.”

Report from Namfrel **Tawi-tawi** chairperson, Prof. Miraflor Alih at 0049H, Day 1 after Election Day – “6th copy [of the ER] unreadable. BEIs refused to give 6th copy due to lack of envelopes for it.”

Action taken: “They just copied the tally results *sa* board, it’s not worth arguing with them.”

Report from **Opol, Misamis Oriental** received by Lewellyn Celestino at 0050H, Day 1 after Election Day – “It has been reported that majority of the precincts in Opol, Misamis Oriental do not want to surrender the 6th copy of the ER due to an alleged memo from Comelec Misamis Oriental. Further, the precinct [BEIs] indicated that they would only release the ER to the dominant party. The[sic] situation is not isolated to Opol.”



NAMFREL		COMELEC	
As of 7:25 p.m., May 22		7 p.m., May 22	
No. of precincts: 136,283 (67.80%)		Rank	
1	DE CASTRO 10,815,952	1	6,314,878
2	FLAVIER 7,959,068	2	4,403,063
3	OSMEÑA 7,871,644	3	4,376,872
4	MAGSAYSAY 7,624,820	4	4,317,899
5	DRILON 7,614,674	6	4,222,301
6	ARROYO 7,614,535	7	4,194,222
7	VILLAR 7,481,382	5	4,282,055
8	PANGILINAN 7,381,847	8	4,157,633
9	ANGARA 7,221,687	10	3,954,070
10	LACSON 6,987,520	12	3,848,482
11	IEJERCITO 6,940,385	11	3,881,535
12	RECTO 6,893,114	9	4,103,929
13	HONASAN 6,864,479	13	3,828,657
14	SANTIAGO 6,428,783	15	3,484,307
15	EVRILE 6,388,195	14	3,571,157
16	PLINO 5,976,122	16	3,092,852
17	TANADA 5,512,708	18	2,947,527
18	MERCADO 5,006,207	17	3,069,799
19	PAGDANGANAN 4,782,542	19	2,575,896
20	HERRERA 4,701,452	20	2,473,494
21	MONSOD 4,581,431	21	2,448,252
22	RASILIL 3,433,297	23	1,711,301
23	MADRIGAL 3,363,366	24	1,694,483
24	CHATO 3,285,239	22	1,780,433
25	YASAY 3,195,816	25	1,691,391
26	CANOY 2,451,126	26	1,274,924
27	TAMANO 2,299,785	27	1,115,113
28	ADAZA 536,185	28	343,082
29	MORATO 456,163	30	207,907
30	NAVARRO 430,871	29	226,916

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Action taken: “Faxed a memorandum signed by Comelec chairman Alfredo Benipayo regarding the order to surrender the 6th copy of ER to Namfrel.”

Report from Namfrel *barangay* **Sinayawan, Hagonoy, Davao del Sur** volunteer Maricris Loseda at 0120H, Day 1 after Election Day – “6th copies of ER have been withheld by the *barangay* captain. The roving team said it was because the *barangay* captain is trying to accuse Namfrel as partisan. Namfrel volunteers talked to the *barangay* captain and explained that it was not true. The 6th copies of the ER were eventually released.”

Report from Namfrel **Zamboanga del Sur** chairperson, Precioso



Tapitan at 0230H, Day 1 after Election Day (received by OQC La Salle volunteer Sr. Susana Allic, DC) – “In one precinct in *barangay* **San Pedro, Pagadian city, Zamboanga del Sur**, the BEI did not want to give the 6th copy unless it passes first through the Comelec, thus causing delay.”

Reported by Namfrel **Lanao del Sur** volunteer, Nasser Dibansa at 0500H, Day 1 after Election Day – The elections is generally peaceful [and] no untoward incident[s] [were] reported. Counting of official ballots [has not yet] started throughout the province. Counting venue[s] were centralized in four places. Wao for the municipalities of Wao and Bumbaran, Lanao Provincial Capitol and Lancap for the 31 municipalities of Lanao del Sur, including Marawi City; and Malabang for the Municipalities of Malabang, Balabagan, Calanogas, Marogong, Sultan Gumander and Kapatagan.

Failure of election[s] were reported in some parts of Lanao del Sur. No elections [were held] in the entire municipality of **Sultan Domalondong**, [in] three precincts in the municipality of **Lumba-Bayabao**, [in] one precinct in **Tamparan**, [in] two precincts in **Poona-bayabao**, [in] four precincts in **Taraka**, [in] seven precincts in **Lumbayanague**, [in] one precinct in **Masiu**, and [in] seven precincts in **Lumbatan**. Failure of elections were caused by [incidents of] ballot box-snatching, absence of BEIs and [the failure] of the election officers to [allocate and release] election paraphernalia.

Report from Namfrel **Maguindanao** coordinator, Joseph Fernandez at 0905H, Day 1 after Election Day – “There was a failure of elections in **Matanog**.”

Reported by Namfrel **Bukidnon** coordinator, Fr. Rey Raluto at 1000H, Day 1 after Election Day – At 0830H three couriers, Felix Maringanon, Noel Villahermosa, and Glenn Kanastra had a vehicular accident. They were riding their own motorcycles on their way from Kanilangan to Malaybalay when they bumped into each other to steer clear of an on-coming vehicle. All three were injured but Glenn Kanastra was unconscious. They were brought to the provincial hospital and the employer of Glenn Kanastra took care of the bills.



Report from Eleazar Dimalapang of *barangay Licomo, Zamboanga city* on Day 1 after Election Day – “Antonio Rubio, teacher-in-charge of **precincts 188A-2/188A-3** had custody of the ballot boxes. He, together with some teachers were in a house sleeping when the [Namfrel] group arrived. He insisted that the 6th copy should not be given. Aside from that he said that the memorandum coming from Comelec was ‘invalid.’ ‘It should have been addressed to them [BEIs]’, he said. In spite of much convincing (sic) ...he still decided not to give the 6th copies.”

Report from Namfrel **Bukidnon** chairperson, Fr. Rey Raluto at 1350H, Day 1 after Election Day – BEIs of **Camp Philips, Manolo Fortich** refused to give the 6th copies of the ER to Namfrel volunteers despite presenting valid IDs and showing the memo from Namfrel national chairperson. Fr. Raluto talked to the BEIs but the latter insisted [on releasing] the ERs at the municipal [canvassing].

Report from Namfrel **Maguindanao** coordinator, Joseph Fernandez at 1650H, Day 1 after Election Day (received by OQC La Salle volunteer Jennifer Uy) – “Namfrel Maguindanao cannot give the total number of registered voters and total number of voters who actually voted because the ERs sent to them do not contain those information. With 73 precincts, they have only 10 precincts with that information. This is the problem they are having.”

Reported by Namfrel **Munai, Lanao del Norte** chairperson, Abdul Hadie Obinay on 1715H, Day 1 after Election Day – Assistant election officer [of Comelec] Rakim Paute does not recognize [Namfrel] and ordered the 26th Infantry Brigade soldiers to confiscate all IDs of Namfrel volunteers. Hence, all volunteers of Namfrel of the said area are without IDs. He does not even want to read resolutions/documents coming from Comelec or [Namfrel office]. He is so arrogant.

Action taken: Strongly recommend proper action to be taken to discipline him to respect laws and policies issued by your office.



Report from Namfrel **Compostela Valley** operations head Jun Palabao at 1720H, Day 1 after Election Day – “Two Namfrel volunteers were dispatched to **Maragusan** [municipality] to get the 6th copies of the ERs to our tabulation center. As per Comelec Maragusan, they could not give the copies since they have already accredited *Bantay Balota*, a local Maragusan citizens’ arm. We advised them through radio, but they did not give us the copies. Per their allegation, we did not come on time telling them of our presence. How come that among the 11 registrars of Compostela Valley province, they were the only ones which resisted to our request? Some registrars gave or released the copies even if our volunteers were sent on the 11th hour.

Report received by OQC La Salle volunteer June Pearl Simpas at 1800H, Day 1 after Election Day – “*barangay Aguada precinct 13A-1, barangay Embargo precincts 125A, 126A, and 126A-1* (did not hand over the ERs). [BEIs of] barangay Embargo accidentally placed the 6th copy in the ballot box, while [BEIs in] barangay Aguado refused to give their 6th copy.”

Report received from Namfrel **Maguindanao** chairperson, Fr. Eliseo Mercado, Jr., OMI at 2100H, Day 1 after Election Day – “For urgent attention of Namfrel Chair Jose Concepcion

Report on the clustered counting of ballots coming from the following municipalities: **Kabuntalan, South Upi, Talitay** and part of **North Upi** at the 6th Infantry Division Gymnasium.

1. The gymnasium is unprepared to host the counting of ballots for the above clustered municipalities for the following reasons:
 - 1.1 No tables and no chairs. The BEIs are doing the counting on the cement floor of the gymnasium.
 - 1.2 The election registrars of the above clustered municipalities were not constantly present during the counting for immediate consolidation when problems arise.



2. Reports have been submitted to Namfrel Maguindanao office that one of the BEIs writing the tabulation of ballots is a sister of one of the candidates in the municipality of Kabuntalan. It was reported to the election registrar, but no action was taken.
3. Namfrel Maguindanao requests Namfrel National to relay to Comelec Manila their request for the 6th Infantry Division through the AFP or DND to provide facilities such as desks and tables to the BEIs of the above clustered municipalities.
4. Namfrel Maguindanao requests the constant presence of the election registrars of the said clustered municipalities at the 6th ID gymnasium to supervise the counting and the preparation of election returns by the BEIs.

Report received from Namfrel **Lanao del Sur** OQC chairperson, Nasser Dibansa at 0140H, Day 2 after Election Day – “It’s hard for them to [send a] report from [the] other municipalities because the BEI is asking for a certificate to be able to give them [Namfrel volunteers] the 6th copy of the election return.”

Action taken: Reported the incident to Comelec commissioner assigned to Lanao del Sur so that BEIs will be instructed to release the 6th copy of ERs to Namfrel.

Report received by OQC La Salle volunteer Anthony Lacson on Day 2 after Election Day- “Municipality of **Pantao-Ragat, Lanao del Norte**...for no [obvious] reason, the 30 Namfrel volunteers were not allowed to enter the counting [center] even though they had presented their IDs. It was rejected by Lt. Manuel Garidor Manuel and Lt. Romel Valencia.”

Reported by Namfrel **Maguindanao** chairperson, Fr. Eliseo Mercado, Jr., OMI, at 1120H, Day 2 after Election Day – “Subject: Provincial Canvassing for the Province of Maguindanao



1. Urgent petition to move the provincial canvassing from the gymnasium of the 6th Infantry Division, Awang, Datu, Odin Sinsuat to the gymnasium of the provincial capital located within the capitol grounds in Simuay, Sultan Kudarat, Maguindanao.
2. The Lakas-Nucd party under gubernational candidate Zacaria Candao strongly accuses the 6th ID of the AFP as partisan to the Kampi gubernatorial candidate Datu Andal Ampatuan.
3. To preserve the integrity of the Comelec as well as the AFP, Namfrel Maguindanao strongly recommends the move of provincial canvassing to the gymnasium of the provincial capitol or at the *Sangguniang Panlalawigan* as provided for by law, all located within the capitol grounds.
4. The other alternative to no. 3 is the ARMM PNP regional Headquarters at Camp SK Pendatun in Parang, Maguindanao as earlier recommended.
5. Strongly requesting Namfrel chair Jose Concepcion to make proper representation at the Comelec Manila to act immediately on our request.”

Reported by Namfrel **Tawi-tawi** chairperson, Prof. Miraflor Alih at 1700H, Day 2 after Election Day – “Several ERs were not readable so that we are forced to exclude it from our report. Some precincts were clustered making our reported precincts lower than what the Comelec previously reported. The ERs for the local results were very much affected; not so much for the senators and the party list which were printed previously in the tally sheet. The data reflected on the ER about the number of registered voters against number of voters who actually cast their votes are ‘unbelievable’ the latter actually not being able to cast their votes as observed by the volunteers”.

Action taken: “We had to exclude the local results in our tally per precinct. We proceeded to report the senators and party list for the national tally. It is not accurate to report the number of registered



voters against those who actually cast their votes because of irreconcilable data on the ERs.”

Reported by Namfrel OQC La Salle volunteer Abbie Pineda at 2156H, Day 2 after Election Day – “Received text message from Fr. Mercado: I do not know the results yet of the **2nd District of Maguindanao**. But there are fears that the whole thing is manufactured similar to 1986 snap elections. I observed the two elections.”

Reported by Namfrel **Maguindanao** chairperson, Fr. Eliseo Mercado, Jr., OMI, 2142H, Day 2 after Election Day –

“ Elections in the Municipality of **Barira, Maguindanao**:

1. On May 14, actual elections happened only in three *barangays*:
Poblacion with nine clustered precincts, **Tagaig** with four clustered precincts and **Nabalawag** with three clustered precincts. There are 50 clustered precincts in the municipality of Barira.
2. No elections took place in the following *barangays*:
Liong (four clustered precincts)
Lipa (two clustered precincts)
Minabay (three clustered precincts)
Marang (four clustered precincts)
Bualan (four clustered precincts)
Lipawan (seven clustered precincts)
Ruminimbang (four clustered precincts)
3. Requesting Comelec for immediate scheduling of elections in the above mentioned *barangays* involving more or less two-thirds of the total voting populace of the said municipality.”



At 2129H, Day 2 after Election Day –

“Urgently requesting Namfrel national chair Jose Concepcion to intercede before the Comelec Manila to move the provincial canvassing from 6th Infantry Division (ID) gymnasium to the *Sangguniang Panlalawigan* Hall within the provincial capitol grounds.

1. The municipal certificates of canvass are now being delivered to the 6th Infantry Division for provincial canvass. The provincial board of canvassers [have] not met [convened] up to this writing. There is ample time to effect change [of] the venue to protect the integrity of the Comelec and the AFP. There is strong accusation against the 6th ID to be partisan in these elections. Indicators would warrant such accusation.
2. If the provincial canvassing would not be transferred to the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* as provided for by law, there are fears that the result of the provincial canvassing will be in question.

The provincial canvassing is scheduled to begin at 0800H tomorrow. There is an urgent request for Comelec Manila to decide on this request ASAP and announce its decision tonight or early morning tomorrow before 0800H.”

Reported by Namfrel **Zamboanga Sibugay** provincial chairperson, Gualberto Largo (received by OQC La Salle volunteer Rachel Bugaoisan) at 1109H, Day 3 after Election Day – The total number of precincts and registered voters in the Namfrel and Comelec lists for the municipalities of **Mabuhay** and **Imelda** were different because of the clustering of the precincts by Comelec. Zamboanga Sibugay volunteer Claudia Aballe also reported that Comelec changed the number of precincts and registered voters in the municipality of **Buug** causing Namfrel and Comelec lists to not tally.



Reported by Namfrel **Maragusan, Compostela Valley** volunteer, Jun Palabao at 2214H, Day 3 after Election Day – Namfrel Compostela Valley’s failure to acquire Maragusan’s 6th copy of election returns due to the refusal by the town’s election registrar. Will now copy from the provincial Comelec’s election returns. Tampering of the election returns is suspected.”

PPC, PNM choppers race across Lanao skies

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Reported by **Davao Oriental** volunteer Sally Ferrales at 2000H, Day 5 after Election Day – Results could not be obtained from the [municipalities] of **Gov. Generoso and Taragona** because of ongoing protests.

Reported by Namfrel **Maguindanao** chairperson, Fr. Eliseo Mercado, Jr., OMI, (through SMS) at 2027H, Day 5 after Election Day – “ERs revealed massive cheatings in seven out of 11 municipalities. They have received reports that the other ERs being held by EOs are worse. They have just completed 35% of the total.”



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Aide Memoire

May 17, 2001

COMMISSIONER MEHOL SADAIN
 Commissioner In-Charged for XII & ARMM
 Intramuros, Manila

ATTN: ATTY. CLARITA CALLAR
 Regional Director
 COMELEC XII

Dear Commissioner Sadain:

Greetings of Peace!

In view of the on going counting and canvassing of election results in Maguindanao province, may I inform you of the realities and its respective recommendations:

1. The PNP ARMM headquarters in Parang, Maguindanao and 6th Infantry Division in Awang, DOS, Maguindanao are preventing the Namfrel volunteers to enter the canvassing of the election returns of different municipalities of Maguindanao. Please allow our Namfrel volunteers to enter in the said designated canvassing places, so that we can have the NAMFREL Copy, thus we can continue in our Operation Quick Count;
2. Please instruct the Provincial Election Supervisor to conduct an inventory of Municipal Certificate of Canvass and publish the same (per municipality) for complete transparency; and
3. As per agreement in our discussion, to transfer the Provincial Canvassing to Manila for the good of all and safety of Comelec Officials.

Thank you and God bless.

Sincerely yours,

FR. ELISEO R. MERCADO, JR., OMI
 Chair, Namfrel-Maguindanao

cc: MR. JOSE CONCEPCION
 Chairman, NAMFREL

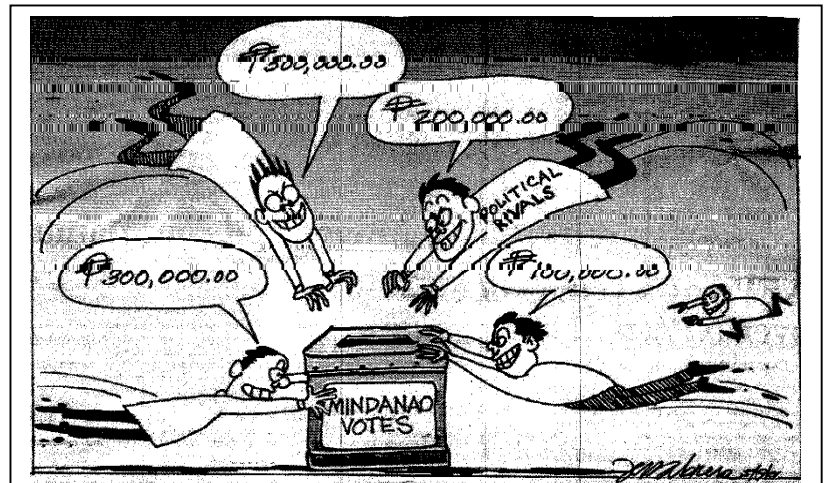
Reported by Namfrel **Maguindanao** chairperson, Fr. Eliseo Mercado, Jr., OMI on Day 5 after Election Day. From the municipalities of **Parang, Sultan Kudarat, Datu Odin Sinsuat** (District I) and **Buluan, South Upi, Mamasapano, Pagagawan, Talitay** (District 2).

The early election returns (ER) from the two districts of Maguindanao Province showed discrepancies and abnormal documentation in both local and national level. The ERs are mostly incomplete in pages. This will result to an incomplete picture of the provincial result.



The sixth copy of nine pages of election returns due to Namfrel is generally unclear and unreadable, which makes it difficult to the verifiers to check on the veracity of the figures and corresponding written words in the tally sheet. Tally sheets of election returns are tampered with correction fluid, ball pens and pasted sheet of election return paper.

A very prominent technique applied is having a difference between the tallied votes with the total votes obtained. Erasures means minus



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votes for the candidates, while a single number written before the total votes obtained results to hundreds of added votes to the favored candidates. Likewise, the figures and the written words are not constant.

Several ERs showed that votes cast are more than the official registered voters in the said precinct.

These findings are true in nine municipalities of the 21 in Maguindanao Province.

Recommendations:

1. To suspend temporarily the counting of all election returns received in different municipalities of Maguindanao.
2. To study/assess and evaluate the [election] documents.



Reported by Namfrel **Lanao Del Sur** head of the Tabulation Section, Nasser
Dibansa, Day 8 after Election Day

The Chief Tabulator
Namfrel, Manila

Greetings of Peace:

This is in relation to the discrepancy that was brought to your attention pertaining to the number of votes obtained by candidates exceeding the number of registered voters contained in the XF Forms transmitted to your office by the undersigned.

In this connection, I would like to inform you that such discrepancies was caused by the non-inclusion of (the data on) the 'number of registered voters' as well as the 'number of voters who actually voted' in precincts where the box in the ERs [that was supposed to contain such data] were not filled up by BEIs while [the rest of the ERs] are unreadable. But the number of votes obtained by candidates were tabulated and reported in the XF Forms. These untabulated numbers of voters who actually voted were indicated in the boxes 'No. of ERs without data on VV' in the XF Forms transmitted.

In relation to the situation of counting and canvassing as well as collection of ERs and COCs, we are sorry to inform your office that because of the delays [in the] counting and canvassing in some municipalities, we were not able to cope with the requirements you expected from us as per directional target set by [the] Namfrel office. Counting and canvassing procedures adopted by Comelec is contrary to what the Election Code mandated, as they made the counting and canvassing by 10s, by 5s or even by two precincts per day. These



procedures have created tiredness (sic) to our volunteers due to logistics, health, and financial problems.

In this situation, we are hoping that you will understand our situation.

Letter of Namfrel **Lanao del Sur** head of the Tabulation Section, Nasser Dibansa, to Namfrel chairman Jose Concepcion, Jr. on 26 May, Day 12 after Election Day

This is to inform your good office of the different problems encountered by our Namfrel volunteers in the collection of the 6th copy of the election returns, the 4th copy of the COCs and watching the proceedings of the counting and canvassing...

1. Volunteers were denied entrance by military personnel (sic) in the polling place where counting took place (sic). They are only allowed after the counting and canvassing have finished. In some instances, election officers disappeared and cannot be located after counting and canvassing were made resulting to the failure of our volunteers to collect the 6th copy of the ERs and the 4th copy of the COCs.
2. Namfrel volunteers were advised by election officers to secure an order from the [provincial] election supervisor for the release of the ERs and COCs, but when it is secured, and upon presentation to them the order, [the] election officer who made such advise, did not comply with the order, instead they accused our volunteers of falsifying such order. (Order of Provincial Election Supervisor Atty. Somalipao, attached for Election Officer Alawi Tago.)
3. Due to continuous delay of counting and canvassing, our Namfrel volunteers were complaining of tiredness (sic), health and logistic problems.



In this connection, we are appealing and requesting, the Chairman, Commission on Elections, through your representation, to make an end in these delays...as it does not only affect the peace and order of our province but it will reflect to the credibility and capability of the Commission on Elections.

Hoping that everyone in the highest echelon of our government will understand how our people are bothered by dirty politicians.

Memorandum of Acting Provincial Election Supervisor for **Lanao del Sur**, Atty. Ray Sumalipao of 22 May 2001

“To: All Election Officers
Lanao del Sur – Marawi City

Subject: 6th Copy of the Election Return and 4th copy of the COC

Pursuant to Comelec Resolution Spp No. 00-040 dated April 5, 2001, regarding deputization of Citizen’s Arm of the Commission and considering the fact that Namfrel as accredited group to man the quick counting. You are hereby directed to release the sixth copy of the Election Return and the 4th copy of the Certificate of Canvas (COC) to Namfrel as deputized by the Commission.

For strict compliance and without delay.”

[Noted: Municipalities of Marantao, Masui, Maguing and Bubong]

Memorandum No. 2001-05-053 from Mehol K. Sadain, commissioner-in-charge of Region II to Atty. Ray Sumalipao, chairman Provincial Board of Canvassers [**Lanao del Sur**] on 29 May 2001.



"You are hereby directed to inform and order different Chairmen of the Municipal Board of Canvassers in the province to provide copies of the appropriate completed election returns (ERs) and certificates of canvass (COCs) to the dominant majority and dominant minority parties.

In addition, copies of the ERs and the COCs that pertain to the citizens' arm, Namfrel, should also be given to its duly designated representatives."

Letter of Namfrel **Lanao del Sur** chairperson, H. Abdullah Lacs Dalidig, to Namfrel chairman Jose Concepcion, Jr. on 31 May 2001

This is to inform your good office that our volunteers have failed to collect the 6th copy of the Election Returns as well as the 4th copy of the Certificate of Canvass (sic) of the following municipalities who have finished counting due to the denial of election officers (EO) to release the 6th copy and the 4th copy for unknown reasons. They are the following:

Municipality	Remarks
1. Poona Bayabao	EO denied release
2. Mulondo	EO denied release
3. Tagaloan 2	EO denied release
4. Bubong	EO denied release
5. Buadipuso Buntong	EO denied release
6. Piagapo	EO denied release
7. Lumbayanague	EO denied release
8. Bumbaran	EO denied release
9. Balabagan	EO denied release
10. Tamparan	EO denied release
11. Kapatagan	EO denied release
12. Sultan Gumander	No ER but COC released
13. Maguing	EO denied release
14. Malabang	ER received; no COC
15. Masiu	ER received; no COC
16. Binidayan	EO denied release
17. Lumbatan	EO denied release



On cross-footing (sic) between results from the ERs against the COC, discrepancies have been found in the COCs from the municipalities of **Marogong, Pualas, and Calanogas.**

Sworn affidavit executed by volunteer H. Abdul Nasser Magundaya of **Marawi** city on 24 June 2001, sworn in by Atty. Casan Macabanging, Notary Public.

“That I have coordinated with EO Alikhan Kapampangan, assigned in the municipality of **Pagayawan, Lanao del Sur,** presenting and identifying myself to him as Namfrel courier to collect from him the Certificate of Canvass and Statement of Votes by Precincts for the municipality of Pagayawan, Lanao del Sur.

That I presented to him and let him acknowledge the Memorandum Order dated 08 May 2001 of Comelec Chairman Hon. Alfredo L. Benipayo, Memorandum Order No. 2001-65-053 dated 29 May 2001 of Hon. Commissioner Mehol K. Sadain and the Implementing Order of Acting PES for Lanao del Sur, Atty. Ray Sumalipao.

That despite all presentational approach (sic), subject election officer did not release to me the Certificate of Canvass and Statement of Votes by Precincts.

[Similar affidavits were executed against EO Maulana Dandamun of **Poona Bayabao**, Bangunsa-an Unte of **Kapatagan**, Alawiya Tago of **Lumbatan**, Camad Disomimba of **Maguing**, Faisal Manding of **Taraka**, and Udato Sarip of **Tubaran**.]

Letter of Namfrel **Maguindanao** chairperson, Fr. Eliseo Mercado, Jr., OMI, to Comelec Chairman Alfredo Benipayo on 11 June, Day 28 after Election Day.



Namfrel Maguindanao & ARMM hereunder reports the following:

The Namfrel Maguindanao and ARMM received a copy of a document entitled "Certificate of Canvass of Votes and Proclamation of the Winning Candidate for Municipal Offices" for the municipality of **Parang** in Maguindanao. The said document, dated June 10, 2001, officially proclaims mayoralty candidate Esmael Biruar, vice mayoralty candidate Andan Biruar and eight other members of the Sangguniang Bayan as the winning candidates for the May 14, 2001 elections.

1. That the proclamation took place between 2300H to 000H on the 10th day of June 2001.
2. That such proclamation is based only on the results of 30 precincts. The municipality of Parang has a total of 113 clustered precincts.
3. That the proclamation was executed [at] the Pacific Heights Hotel at Kimpo Subdivision, Cotabato city.
4. That the proclamation took place despite the pre-proclamation protest lodged by respective lawyers of the mayoralty candidates, including Biruar's lawyer himself.
5. That the contending parties agreed that no proclamation should be made until the protest is resolved by the court.
6. That Parang election officer, Ruayna Sayyadi, has shown not only her being partisan during the canvassing, but also her ignorance of the existing election laws, as claimed by lawyers involved in the canvassing.

Once more, Namfrel reiterates immediate actions must be done such as: declare the proclamation as invalid since such is based only from the results of 30 precincts when in fact, the whole municipality has a total of 113 clustered precincts; and organize a new set of Municipal Board of Canvassers with



credibility, capacity and acceptable to all contending parties to re-canvass the 113 election returns of the municipality.



NAMFREL MEETING. Namfrel chairman Joe Concepcion initiates the handshake of the two camps, PPC spokesman Dodie Limcauco and PnM spokesman lawyer Crispin Remulla during the Namfrel meeting in Westin Philippine Plaza. (Ali Vicoy)



Vulnerabilities in the election process

Process	Average votes	Vulnerabilities
Appreciating ballots at the precincts (by the Boards of Election Inspectors (BEI))	170 voters per precinct; 140 voters if turnout is at 80%	Misreading of votes, deciphering of handwritten names, names written in the wrong spaces , etc., causing exercise of discretion by the BEI
Counting of ballots at the precinct (by the Boards of Election Inspectors)	140 ballots	Mistallying of votes in the election returns by <i>taras</i> , votes in <i>taras</i> do not tally with votes in figures, votes in figures and votes in words do not tally, or all <i>taras</i> , votes in figures, and votes in words do not tally at all
Municipal/city canvassing (by the Municipal or City Board of Canvassers)	18,000 votes; 145 precincts per city or municipality	Carry over of errors from the ERs Errors in transferring of votes from the ER to the statement of votes by precinct (SOVP) Errors in the addition of votes (cross footing) by precinct in the SOVP Errors in transferring of total votes from the SOVP to the city or municipal Certificate of Canvass
Provincial/district canvassing (Provincial or District Board of Canvassers)	140,000 votes in the district and 370,000 in the province; average of 20 cities and municipalities per province	Carry over of errors from the COCs Errors in transferring of votes from the COC to the statement of votes by city or municipality (SOV C/M) Errors in the addition of votes (cross footing) by totaled votes by city or municipality in the SOV C/M Errors in transferring of total votes from the SOV C/M to the Provincial Certificate of canvass



P hilippine Institute of Certified Public Accountants (Picpa) and Namfrel

Civil Society Organizations' Collaboration for Helping Ensure Clean and Honest National and Local Elections on 14 May 2001

A Memorandum of Cooperation by the
Philippine Institute of Certified Public Accountants (Picpa)
and the
National Citizens' Movement for Free Elections (Namfrel)

The elections in May 14, 2001 are crucial in providing the favorable political atmosphere for the country. It is hoped that a stable political environment, arising from credible elections, will provide the economic impetus for the country and for the Filipino people.

Nanfrel, as accredited citizens' arm of the Commission on Elections (Comelec) to conduct the Operation Quick Count, and by virtue of its accreditation will be provided the 6th copy of the election return from each precinct in the country and the 4th copy of the Municipal/City/District Certificates of Canvass for each with the accompanying Statement of Votes by Precinct, the Provincial Certificate of Canvass from each for Province and the accompanying Statement of Votes by City or Municipality.

Picpa, with its expertise in audit, is contributing its expertise to Nanfrel in

- 1) Helping ensure the accuracy of Quick Count;
- 2) Examining the Statement of Votes by Precinct and the Municipal/City and comparing the results thereof with the Municipal/City/District Certificates



of Canvass for senatorial, party list and district representatives to Congress;

- 3) Examining the Statement of Votes by Municipality/City and comparing the results thereof with the provincial Certificate of Canvass for senatorial, party list and district representatives to Congress; and
- 4) Examining the Statement of Votes by Province and the National Certificate of Canvass for senatorial, party list and district representatives to Congress.

Picpa will outline the procedures, standards, reports action plans necessary like recruiting from among their ranks for volunteers and training and deployment, monitoring during the counting, exit reports, etc., for the effective conduct of the tasks above stated and will disseminate the same to its chapters and to the Namfrel chapters nationwide.

The reports generated by Picpa will be to Namfrel and only to be used for Namfrel's purposes.

The duration of the MOC will cover the period when Namfrel conducts the dry-run from 30 April to 03 May, 2001, the final dry-run on 10 & 11 May at the Namfrel National Tabulation Center in La Salle Greenhills. The period will also cover the actual conduct of the OQC from 14 to 27 May 2001 at the Namfrel National Tabulation Center at La Salle Greenhills.

The different provincial chapters of Namfrel will provide the necessary spaces in their respective Tabulation Centers for Picpa for the purposes stated above.

Signed this 20th day of April, 2001 in Mandaluyong City.

ATTY. JOSE A. GANGAN
President, Picpa

JOSE S. CONCEPCION, JR.
National Chairman, Namfrel



Punishable election offenses

From the Omnibus Election Code, Article XXII, Section 261 (z),
Prohibited Acts

- (8) Any member of the board of election inspectors charged with the duty of reading the ballot during the counting of votes who deliberately omits to read the vote duly written on the ballot, or misreads the vote actually written thereon or reads the name of candidate where no name is written on the ballot.
- (9) Any member of the board of election inspectors charged with the duty of tallying the votes in the tally board or sheet, election returns or other prescribed form who deliberately fails to record a vote therein or records erroneously the votes as read, or records a vote where no such vote has been read by the chairman.

From RA 6646 (An Act Introducing Additional Reforms in the Electoral System and for Other Purposes), Section 27, Election Offenses.

- (a) Any member of the board of election inspectors or board of canvassers who tampers, increases, or decreases the votes received by a candidate in any election or any member of the board who refuses, after proper verification and hearing, to credit the correct votes or deduct such tampered votes.

Penalties - From the Omnibus Election Code, Article XXII, Sec. 264.

Any person found guilty of any election offense under this Code shall be punished with imprisonment of not less than one year but not more than six years and shall not be subject to probation. In addition, the guilty party shall be sentenced to suffer disqualification to hold public office and deprivation of the right suffrage.



Report on discrepancies in the counting and canvassing of votes



Northern Luzon

Reported by Namfrel **Malolos [Bulacan]** OQC chairperson, Danding Yanga at 0316H, Day 1 after Election Day – Total votes in figures and in words not accomplished in **ER 54100113** of **precinct 109A (113)**, *barangay Canalate*, Malolos, Bulacan.

Reported by Namfrel **Tarlac** provincial chairperson, Elvie Gonzaga, 0425H Day 2 after Election Day – This morning the Namfrel chairman in Ramos, Tarlac, Ulyses de Castro discovered that the Comelec declared a councilor [ranked] no. 10 in the Namfrel [OQC] to be the no. 8 [last winners' slot] in the [Comelec] counting.

Action taken: Namfrel Tarlac made representation with the Comelec so the candidate was requested to file a protest. Comelec admitted the mistake so the [correct] candidate will be proclaimed winner.



Reported by Picpa **Tarlac** president, Rowena Bucu, for 15-17 May [Days 1 to 3 after Election Day

To date, no SOVs and COCs have been received by the Tarlac Namfrel. It is expected that said documents will be received by Saturday [Day 6 after Election Day]. Meanwhile, the Picpa-Tarlac volunteers verified and reviewed at random the reliability and accuracy of the encoding of votes from the election returns. The following observations were noted:

1. Alterations do not have initials of concerned personnel.
2. 6th copy – tally of votes not legible, hence, not yet encoded (about 25%).
3. Tally of votes – details do not tally with total per provincial tally form.
4. Election returns do not have the data of numbers of registered voters and number who actually voted.
5. No tallies for municipal level.
6. There were errors on the encoded figures which resulted to under/over counting of votes.

In general, it is observed that all election returns (6th copy) are forwarded to the local Namfrel, even from 18 municipalities, hence work for Namfrel is voluminous. There is a shortage of volunteer encoders, hence the slow turnout of data. With 25% of the election returns (6th copy) unreadable, it is believed that audit of the same will be of doubtful efficiency and effectiveness.

18 May, Day 4 after Election Day

Municipality: **Tarlac city, Tarlac**

Precinct no.	Candidate	ER votes	Audited votes	Difference
148A	Angara	41	49	-8
143A	Chato	30	36	-6



Precinct no.	Candidate	ER votes	Audited votes	Difference
178A	Honasan	15	95	-80
176A	Mercado	84	34	50
192A	Navarro	1	0	1
174A	Pagdanganan	35	37	-2
143A	Pangilinan	37	68	-31
192A		60	62	-2
143A	Puno	22	32	-10
143A	Recto	31	62	-31
234A	Yasay	6	26	-20

The above-mentioned findings, which was the result of random verification of the Picpa-Tarlac volunteers will result to discrepancies between figures released by Namfrel and the SOVs

The sum of all the votes erroneously tallied (regardless of whether they were added or subtracted) in the above case equaled to 241.

Municipality: **Concepcion, Tarlac** (total erroneously tallied votes = 3,087)

Candidate	Votes in SOV	Votes in COC	Difference
Drilon	25,120	25,865	745
Flavier	25,572	25,865	293
Navarro	129	127	-2
Puno	7,174	8,174	1,000
Recto	28,226	28,286	60
Yasay	5,174	4,904	-270
Party list			
Aa	3	4	1
Aasenso Ka	15	17	2
Aba	855	878	23
Abakada	25	27	2
Abanse! Pinay	44	45	1
Abay Pamilya	23	36	13
Abcd	77	104	27
Afm	0	4	4
Akap	13	14	1
Akbayan	176	209	33
Akk	537	573	36
Aklat	503	566	63
Ako	61	71	10
Aksyon	189	207	18
Alas	2	3	1
Amin	2	3	1



Candidate	Votes in SOV	Votes in COC	Difference
Amma	85	125	40
Anakbayan	86	92	6
Angkop	30	54	24
Apec	646	665	19
Atip	37	39	2
Atucp	453	472	19
Awatu	25	19	-6
Bagong Bayan	90	95	5
Bayan	3,421	3,217	-204
Buhay	402	442	40
Cocofed	20	22	2
Dugtungan	0	1	1
Flrf	8	6	-2
Jeep	1	3	2
Ldp	90	93	3
O.K. Napu	14	9	-5
Ocw	56	57	1
Ocw-Unifil	8	9	1
Oneway Print	77	80	3
Pacd	4	0	-4
Padpao	13	17	4
Pag-asa	7	6	-1
Parp	11	12	1
Pcap	4	3	-1
Pda	12	15	3
Pdsp	6	0	-6
People Power	47	50	3
Pinoy May K	19	20	1
Plam	3	2	-1
Pm	59	58	-1
Pma	42	46	4
Pmp	26	9	-17
Pmp-Pinatubo	281	298	17
Puc	6	5	-1
Pusyon	1	2	1
Pwp	17	16	-1
Ram	29	30	1
Rp	19	10	-9
Sanlakas	28	37	9
Vfp	1,886	1,887	1



Municipality: **Concepcion, Tarlac**

Audit of SOVs – (total erroneously tallied votes = 1,088)

Candidate	SOV no.	Votes in SOV	Audited votes	Difference
Angara	2103912	91	895	-804
De Castro	2103916	1,769	1,796	-27
Mercado	2103981	323	353	-30
Osmeña	2103917	2,013	2,018	-5
	2103919	933	853	80
	2103910	1,822	1,892	-70
Villar	2103912	2,444	2,434	10
Party list				
Atucp	2103912	74	69	5
Bayan Muna	2103910	387	392	-5
Butil	2103907	69	59	10
	2103908	202	195	7
	2103912	88	99	-11
Da	2103907	171	159	12
Npc	2103907	85	92	-7
Urp	2103907	97	102	-5

Reported by Picpa **Abra** president Ma. Eloisa Marbella to Namfrel

1. The statement of votes (SOVs) were not accomplished simultaneously with the canvassing of votes. Instead the SOVs worksheets were used by the tabulators including Namfrel volunteers. The SOVs were prepared towards the later days of the canvassing.
2. Discrepancies between number of votes in words and in number for two candidates were as follows:

Candidate	Votes in numbers	Votes in words (equivalent)	Difference
Ernesto Pacuno	1,388	1,088	300
Clarito Valera	1,508	1,088	420

They were duly corrected by the chairman [of the Board of Canvassers of Tayum].



3. The chairman [of the Board of Canvassers] of Danglas failed to furnish Namfrel a copy of the Certificate of Canvass.
4. Recto's total canvassed votes was 23,433. It was written as 24,413 in the SOV. This was duly corrected by the official tabulator on the night of 23 May.
5. Some candidates with their number of votes were omitted in the COCs like James Bersamin, Perfecto Cardenas, Julie Senga. These were all corrected.

Report from Ellen Bejasa and Rico Piamonte of **Ilocos Sur** on 31 May.

Nineteen towns with SOVs and COCs audited but without number of voters who actually voted: **Salcedo, Bantay, Sta. Maria, Vigan, Sta. Cruz, Lidlidda, San Vicente, Nagbukel, Sigay, Sta. Lucia** (no data on precincts **19A, 21A, 23A and 31A**), **Alilem, Binayoyo, Sta. Catalina, Gregorio del Pilar, Suyo, Quirino, Narvacan, San Emilio, and Santiago.**

For the entire province of **Ilocos Sur** (total erroneously tallied votes = 2,652)

Candidate	Votes in SOV	Votes per audit	Difference
Angara	36,342	36,623	-281
Bajunaid	160	152	8
Canoy	1,510	1,512	-2
Casil	390	388	2
Chato	27,172	27,232	-60
De Castro	74,375	74,575	-200
Drilon	77,413	77,407	6
Enrile	25,261	25,285	-24
Flavier	67,047	67,015	32
Honasan	27,652	27,682	-30
Lacson	23,542	23,521	21
Lozano	2,176	2,130	46
Madrigal	11,158	11,431	-273
Magsaysay	60,822	60,816	6
Monsod	37,807	37,775	32
Nueva	437	438	-1
Osmeña	60,806	60,761	45
Pagdanganan	38,460	38,492	-32



Candidate	Votes in SOV	Votes per audit	Difference
Puno	25,897	25,903	-6
Recto	61,042	61,065	-23
Tamano	3,643	3,662	-19
Villar	79,113	80,616	-1,503
Angara	36,342	36,623	-281

Report from Namfrel **Isabela** on 11 June

We bring to the attention of Namfrel the glaring *dagdag-bawas* (vote padding) that happened in **Angadanan, Isabela**. In the municipal canvassing, the final results for the congressional race showed that candidate Grace Padaca had a total vote of 6,237 while candidate Faustino Dy III had a total vote of 3,971.

On May 17, Comelec Angadanan gave a photocopy of the SOV to Fr. Buencamino Mendoza, Namfrel chairman. When Fr. Mendoza asked for the original of the 4th copy of the COC and SOV, the Comelec people told him that they are not ready to give the copy.

The photocopy of the SOV for mayor, vice-mayor, councilors and senators were signed by Andres Pascua (chairman), Gil Abuan (vice), and Felipe Ammugauan (member-secretary). The SOV for congressman, governor, vice-governor, and *sangguniang panlalawigan*, on the other hand, were conspicuously not signed by the three members of the board of canvassers. Only tabulators Myra de Vera and Reynaldo Bulan signed that sheet. It must be noted however, that the number of votes for the congressional candidates is the said photocopy [of the] SOV was the same with what was written on the tally board [that is]: candidate Padaca, 6,237 votes and candidate Dy III, 3,971 votes. When Fr. Mendoza asked why it was not signed, the Comelec people replied that those who should sign are not available.



Teachers want improvement in poll process

PUBLIC-SCHOOL teachers will refuse to serve in future elections unless the Commission on Elections improves the entire electoral process, the Alliance of Concerned Teachers said yesterday.

Among the many complaints of the public-school teachers is the Comelec's failure to pay their honoraria for the service they rendered during the May 14 election.

Comelec Commissioner Rensurreccion Borra was surprised when told that the teachers have not been paid their per diems.

He said that the checks for public-school teachers who served as members of boards of election inspectors were released before the elections.

Each public-school teacher is entitled to receive at least P900 per day.

But Raymond Villanueva, the association's hot-line director, said only the teachers in Mandaluyong, Manila, Navotas, Malabon, and Cavite, have been paid for their election work.

"Caloocan City teachers are not even sure if they will be compensated for the additional time they spent inside precincts as a result of the Comelec's shortcomings," Villanueva said.

But more than the pay issue, the lack of system was what irked the teachers most.

The teachers had to deal with the ire of hundreds of thousands of disfranchised voters who could not find their names in the Comelec list of voters, Villanueva recalled.

Comelec's failure to implement the election modernization law, which was signed three years ago,

Instead of procuring computers and other election paraphernalia, Villanueva noted, the Comelec bought luxury vehicles such as Mitsubishi Stradas, Rosa minibuses and Yamaha motorcycles.

"There were shortages in election paraphernalia such as ballots, indelible ink, packaging tapes, marking pens, and the like," Villanueva said. "Despite the National Power Corp.'s assurance that there will be no brownouts during the elections, hundreds of precincts suffered outages."

Villanueva said this year's election "would be the last election we ever want to serve under the same conditions."

The teachers also reiterated that rendering election service should be made on voluntary basis.

Villanueva warned that with 40 million voters in the next elections in 2004, the electoral process "will not only be chaotic but will be a massive failure should our demands fall on deaf ears."

While ordering the local election officials to immediately release the teachers' allowance checks, Borra explained that Commission officials might have overlooked the task to pay the teachers because they were preoccupied with the canvassing of votes.

"Probably some of them were so engrossed in their canvassing functions that if they have not properly coordinated with the district coordinators, payrolls would not have been prepared," Borra said.

But, he added, "we will not make any other alibi... I will request all commissioner in charge to monitor why their people or field people did not pay the teachers."

M. Talosig

Today, 23 May, p. 10

The bigger problem happened during the provincial canvassing on May 17. In the congressional tally for Angadanan, it was read that Dy III had 5,037 votes! His vote was padded by 1,066. The votes of Padaca remained at 6,237.

On May 18, we looked for Andres Pascua (chair of the canvassing board) to ask for the original 4th copy of the COC, ERs. Candidate Padaca had

6,121 votes while candidate Dy III had 3,846. We had loaned the ERs to the counsel of Padaca [for use] as evidence in the electoral protest filed against Dy III. Until now, Andres Pascua refuses to give the original 4th copy of the COC and SOV to us. He claims that he had already given it to Fr. Mendoza.



We strongly suspect that the SOV was tampered or there was another SOV read at the provincial capitol. [The] media who were present in the municipal canvass can attest that Padaca had 6,237 and Dy III had 3,971 [votes, respectively].

Poll protesters stone radio station in Isabela

CAUAYAN CITY—Tension rose at the broadcast center of dzNC Bombo Radyo AM radio and Star FM radio in Barangay Ninante II here as 500 ralliers hurled stones, rammied the station's gate and tried to enter the compound on Monday night.

A power outage also heightened the tension as the ralliers took the opportunity to protest the station's alleged bias against the Dy family of Isabela.

Policemen and station guards, however, prevented the ralliers from entering the compound.

Through their actions, the ralliers demanded the resignation of Bombo station manager Charmy Sabigan (also known by her radio name Carina Zobel) and asked for her public apology on-air for her alleged biased commentaries on the alleged vote-padding incident in Angadanan town.

The ralliers insisted that the "damaging commentaries" and reports should be replayed in front of them and asked her to refrain from tackling the vote-padding issue.

Sabigan, however, rejected the ralliers' demands when the negotiators, led by Councilors-elect Ruben Tumbaga and Edgardo Atienza, talked with her.

The most controversial among the alleged poll irregularities reported during the May 14 elections was the alleged vote-padding in Angadanan.

The alleged vote-padding has reportedly led to the victory of Rep.-elect Faustino Dy III against former Bombo commentator Ma. Gracia Cielo Padaca.

Sabigan told the *INQUIRER* that she had sent workers, escorted by policemen, to buy food and other personal stuff as she claimed she was threatened with harm by the ralliers if she leaves the station.

At least 20 radio station officials and employees—mostly reporters, production assistants and technicians—were marooned in the station following the rallies.

"We would continue to adhere to the real truth as we have to serve the people of Isabela and other provinces by not suppressing the truth," Sabigan said.

Interior Secretary Jose Lina earlier directed Isabela police officials to augment security at the broadcast center.

Lina also directed policemen to avoid being partisan to political leaders in the province amid reports that some lawmen were allied to the Dy family. *Villamor Visaya Jr., PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

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We recommend that **Andres Pascua, Gil Abuan, and Felipe Ammugauan** be asked to explain why he refuses to give us the original copy of the SOV and COC. May we ask your help regarding the possible legal sanctions [against those] who have altered the results for the congressional race in **Angadanan, Isabela**.

Letter of Grace Padaca to Namfrel

"Since I ran as an independent candidate, I had to rely on the Namfrel copies of the election documents, which I needed to prove my case. Thankfully, Bishop Sergio Utleg of the Diocese of Isabela [and] Isabela's Namfrel provincial chairman, readily made them available for me. He appeared before the [House of Representative Electoral] Tribunal in July 2002, together with Fr. Buencamino Mendoza, Jr., parish priest and municipal Namfrel chairman of Angadanan, Isabela.

My supporters and I continue to pray that the members of the Tribunal will decide on the merits of the case and not be swayed by their political affiliations or by pressure of any kind. I have fought so hard for this case, not only to claim the victory that is rightfully our people's, but also to prove that clean and honest elections are worth every sacrifice because they are the first requirement for good government."

Report from Namfrel **Pangasinan** coordinator, Ester Alkonga,

Municipality: **Calasiao, Pangasinan** (total erroneously tallied votes = 348)

Candidate	Precinct no.	Audited votes	Votes in ER	Difference
Angara	63A-1	30	0	-30
Arroyo	72A	105	115	10
Canoy	44A	6	0	-6



Candidate	Precinct no.	Audited votes	Votes in ER	Difference
Chato	103A	55	53	-2
	117A	35	36	1
	43A	46	48	2
	66A	59	64	5
De Castro	105A	114	119	5
	127A	108	109	1
	72A	95	105	10
Drilon	127A	79	80	1
	96A	97	27	-70
Flavier	43A	100	105	5
	44A-1	115	105	-10
	62A	102	112	10
	64A	125	130	5
	66A-1	167	162	-5
Herrera	43A	52	54	2
	66A-1	76	72	-4
	86A	83	82	-1
Honasan	43A	29	28	-1
Lacson	96A	12	13	1
	98A	22	30	8
Magsaysay	43A	84	91	7
Mercado	82A	28	29	1
Osmeña	93A	106	206	100
Pagdanganan	68A	50	49	-1
	95A	62	63	1
Pangilinan	43A	88	92	4
Puno	167A	18	17	-1
	82A	36	38	2
Recto	114A	126	136	10
	127A	81	76	-5
	84A	122	127	5
Santiago	95A	11	9	-2
Tamano	126A	6	8	2
Tañada	94A	62	67	5
Villar	120A	103	104	1
	45A	119	114	-5
Yasay	127A	15	16	1



Municipality: **Alaminos, Pangasinan**

Candidate	Precinct no.	Audited votes	Votes in ER	Votes in SOVP
Angara	44A	86	83	83
Arroyo	37A-1	86	91	
Canoy	34A	4	3	3
	57A-2/58A01	1	2	
De Castro	23A	128	129	129
	31A-1/32A-1	108	109	
	49A	133	134	
Ejercito-Estrada	4A	51	58	52
Flavier	11A	87	88	88
	47A1-/47A-2	74	75	75
Lozano	6A	1	0	0
Madrigal	25A-1	14	15	
Morato	8A	2	3	3
Pangilinan	60A	58	57	
	61A	57	58	
Puno	11A2	53	53	
Recto	37A	64	65	
Tamano	64A	11	12	
Tañada	15A	74	46	74
Villar	11A-1	56	57	57
	15A	46	74	46
	26A-1	86	27	86
	4A	81	82	

Municipality: **Magaldan, Pangasinan** (total erroneously tallied votes = 84)

Candidate	Precinct no.	Audited votes	Votes in ER	Difference
Angara	125A	61	71	10
Arroyo	29A	150	155	5
Enrile	125A	27	24	-3
Flavier	29A	158	165	7
Herrera	20A1	58	53	-5
Pangilinan	22A	112	117	5
Recto	102A	68	117	49

Municipality: **Mapadan, Pangasinan** (total erroneously tallied votes = 181)

Candidate	Precinct no.	Audited votes	Votes in ER	Difference
Angara	65A	51	41	-10
Arroyo	26A/26A-1	198	92	-106



Candidate	Precinct no.	Audited votes	Votes in ER	Difference
De Castro	79A	138	143	5
Ejercito-Estrada	30A/30A-1	34	44	10
Herrera	39A	36	46	10
Magsaysay	60A	122	127	5
	62A/62A-1	138	143	5
Pagdanganan	60A	80	85	5
Tañada	47A	50	40	-10
Villar	18A	133	128	-5
Yasay	60A	42	32	-10

Report from Picpa **Angeles City, Zambales** president, Desiderio Suarez to Picpa executive director, Horace Dumlao

Only 627 precincts out of a total 679 precincts were tabulated. The 52 precincts were not tabulated because the [ERs] were not readable or were not received by Namfrel. Comelec is unable to provide copies due to technicalities.

Report from Picpa **Bataan** president and Namfrel **Orani, Zambales** chairperson, Antonio Perez to Picpa national headquarters on 19 June

Aside from the one coordinating with provincial Namfrel office, I was also doing my job as the Namfrel chairman of Orani...since 1986. And if the type of COCs and SOVs we received during the canvassing in Orani were the same received by the other municipalities, it is impossible to do the audit because 50% to 60% of the COCs we received were not legible. We have noted some discrepancy in the words and figures written in the COC.

Reported by Picpa **Nueva Vizcaya** volunteer, Ereperto Beltran to Namfrel on 2 June 2001 –

Findings are as follows:



Municipality of **Dupax del Norte**.

1. Arroyo's vote in SOV No. 2108407 was understated by 1,000 votes while transfooting to COC was overstated by six votes. The correct total votes should be 3,272 and not 2,278 as stated in COC No. 1621507.
2. Drilon's vote in precinct 4-A SOV No. 2108407 not readable whether it is 79 or 73 votes. His vote on SOV No. 2108409 was overstated by 11 votes, correct vote should be 417 and not 428.
3. Enrile's vote on precinct 4-A SOV No. 2108407 not readable whether it is 75 votes or 71 votes. If 75 votes is correct, the total vote for above SOV of 1,983 is correct.

Municipality: **Ambagiou, Nueva Vizcaya**

Candidate	SOV no.	Votes in SOV	Audited votes	Difference
Rasul	211370	368	358	10

Municipality: **Bambang, Nueva Vizcaya** (total erroneously tabulated votes = 793)

Candidate	SOV no.	Votes in SOV & COC	Audited votes	Difference
Casil	2111385	2	4	-2
Mercado	2111386	1,980	1,280	700
Magsaysay	2111389	4,944	5,035	-91

Municipality: **Dupax del Sur, Nueva Vizcaya** (total erroneously tabulated votes = 56)

Candidate	SOV no.	Votes in SOV & COC	Audited votes	Difference
Angara	2108413	750	770	-20
Osmeña	2108411	1,454	1,490	-36

Municipality: **Kasibu, Nueva Vizcaya** (total erroneously tabulated votes = 1,231)

Candidate	SOV no.	Votes in SOV & COC	Audited votes	Difference
Rasul	2108416	427	245	182
Morato	2108417	1,215	166	1,049



Municipality: **Solano, Nueva Vizcaya** (total erroneously tabulated votes = 78)

Candidate	SOV no.	Votes in SOV & COC	Audited votes	Difference
Casil	2108427	8	10	-2
Tañada	2108427	946	964	-18
Ejercito-Estrada	2108429	1,779	1,834	-55
Osmeña	2108430	1,425	1,422	3

Municipality: **Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya** (total erroneously tabulated votes = 6,965)

Candidate	Votes in SOV	Votes in COC	Difference
Angara	9,652	9,657	5
Arroyo	5,624	5,706	82
Bajunaid	30	20	-10
Casil	34	30	-4
Ejercito-Estrada	10,158	10,118	-40
Herrera	3,371	3,400	29
Honasan	10,600	10,604	4
Lacson	10,753	10,446	-307
Madrigal	5,075	5,345	270
Mercado	7,106	7,101	-5
Monsod	3,594	1,706	-1,888
Morato	391	389	-2
Nueva	35	26	-9
Osmeña	5,660	9,690	4,030
Pangilinan	5,489	5,560	71
Rasul	5,031	5,037	6
Recto	5,586	5,576	-10
Sabio	97	84	-13
Tamano	2,971	2,972	1
Tañada	4,176	4,336	160
Villar	6,447	6,450	3
Yasay	2,720	2,732	12
Gil	4	0	-4

Municipality: **Quezon, Nueva Vizcaya** (total erroneously tabulated votes = 192)

Candidate	Votes in SOV	Votes in COC	Difference
Adaza	51	74	23
Arroyo	2,627	2,607	-20
Magsaysay	2,212	2,166	-46



Candidate	Votes in SOV	Votes in COC	Difference
Monsod	813	803	-10
Osmeña	1,569	1,561	-8
Pagdanganan	1,156	1,146	-10
Recto	1,557	1,502	-55
Villar	2,210	2,190	-20

Bulacan

There were 165 election returns that did not contain data on the number of voters and on voters who voted. The *taras* and the votes in words and/or figures were unreadable in 81 election returns. Both instances were found in 23 returns. These returns were from 223 precincts from 11 towns in districts 1 and 3.

National Capital Region

Las Piñas

Macro report on voters – includes among others [the] number of registered voters, number of voters who actually voted and data on the senator with the highest number of votes.

Picpa housekeeping no.	No. of precincts	No. of registered voters	No. of voters who actually voted	Senator with highest votes	Votes
M31	21	3,312	1,938	Villar	2,264
M33	21	2,680	1,716	De Castro	1,767
M36	24	3,788	2,259	Flavier	2,529
M43	24	3,396	1,980	Villar	1,997
M44	24	3,312	1,983	Villar	2,264
M48	23	3,001	1,798	Villar	2,326
M52	23	2,549	1,782	Flavier	2,277
M55	24	3,948	2,497	Villar	2,543
M71	2	200	124	Villar	228
M75	3	407	217	De Castro	279



Picpa housekeeping no.	No. of precincts	No. of registered voters	No. of voters who actually voted	Senator with highest votes	Votes
M77	12	1,599	997	Villar	1,079
M79	17	2,897	1,623	Villar	1,640

Report on the audit of statement of votes and the certificate of canvass
(total erroneously tabulated votes = 863)

Candidate	Votes per audit	Votes per record	Difference
Angara	64,564	64,624	60
Chavez	775	765	-10
Defensor-Santiago	55,615	55,678	63
Osmeña	81,493	80,763	-730

(Total erroneously tabulated votes in from the SOV to the COC equaled 20,904.)

Candidate	Votes in SOV	Votes in COC	Difference
Adaza	4,148	4,269	121
Angara	64,564	65,829	1,265
Arroyo	76,875	77,828	953
Bajunaid	259	264	5
Canoy	13,804	14,081	277
Casil	236	258	22
Chato	40,445	40,842	397
Chavez	775	761	-14
De Castro	86,202	87,312	1,110
Defensor-Santiago	55,615	56,549	934
Drilon	76,869	77,874	1,005
Ejercito-Estrada	57,277	58,119	842
Enrile	55,243	56,134	891
Flavier	90,255	91,558	1,303
Herrera	52,574	53,126	552
Honasan	58,739	59,596	857
Lacson	60,968	61,968	1,000
Lozano	3,827	3,922	95
Madrigal	33,423	34,004	581
Magsaysay	75,774	76,723	949
Mercado	47,247	48,047	800



Candidate	Votes in SOV	Votes in COC	Difference
Monsod	61,153	61,869	716
Morato	4,861	4,982	121
Navarro	4,910	5,016	106
Nueva	335	336	1
Osmeña	81,493	81,706	213
Pagdanganan	48,228	48,719	491
Pangilinan	74,859	74,434	-425
Puno	53,239	54,185	946
Rasul	31,042	31,642	600
Recto	69,098	69,788	690
Sabio	695	714	19
Tamano	19,688	20,101	413
Tañada	67,732	68,589	857
Villar	100,205	101,338	1,133
Yasay	29,927	30,125	198
Gil	13	15	2

In the party list tabulation, errors occurred in the transferring of precinct votes (recorded votes) to the SOV (votes in audited SOV) and from the SOV to the COC (votes in COC). The total erroneously tabulated votes are 201 and 3,758, respectively.

Candidate	Recorded votes	Votes in audited SOV	Votes in COC
A	104	105	108
Aaa	35	35	42
Aasahan	19	19	22
Aasenso ka	271	271	268
Aba	249	252	252
Abakada	242	242	245
Abay Pamilya	475	475	488
Abcd	358	361	349
Agap	165	165	167
Ahonbayan	41	41	42
Aim	101	101	102
Akap	604	607	607
Akbayan	2,692	2,697	2,728
Akk (Coalition)	49	49	59
Aklat	1,400	1,407	1,411
Ako	578	578	586
Aksyon	1,345	1,350	1,357



Candidate	Recorded votes	Votes in audited SOV	Votes in COC
Alab	76	77	116
Alagad	105	105	103
Alas	48	48	52
Alyansa	32	32	34
Amin	44	44	49
Amma	95	95	109
Anakbayan	545	545	549
Angat	33	34	34
Angkop	48	48	52
Apil	39	39	48
Apo Services	189	189	185
Arba	23	23	40
Arpes	228	228	215
Asakapil	775	707	776
Atin	64	64	69
Atip	296	296	307
Atucp	715	716	727
Awatu	386	386	376
Ayos	71	71	78
Bagong Bayani	504	504	500
Bandila	103	103	104
Bantay-Bayan	280	280	285
Bayan	6,616	6,623	6,760
Bdi	84	85	85
Bdi	85	85	84
Bea	342	347	343
Bigkis	1,290	1,292	1,317
Bsp	158	158	162
Buhay	7,671	7,652	7,898
Butil	173	173	164
Caag	161	161	160
Cap	118	118	123
Cibac	3,445	3,445	3,546
Citizen	74	74	77
Coalition 349	251	252	252
Cocofed	222	222	224
Coalition 349	252	252	259
Consla	247	247	249
Coop-Natco	82	82	86
Creba	379	377	383
Cup	1,067	1,073	1,098
Da	95	95	102
Drugwatch	399	400	417



Candidate	Recorded votes	Votes in audited SOV	Votes in COC
Dwp	76	76	66
Elderly	1,148	1,148	1,203
Flrf	14	14	15
Gabay Ofw	58	59	64
Green	222	222	224
Green Phil	495	495	496
Homeowners	715	715	881
Jury	163	163	166
Kabalikat	517	517	524
Kabatas	18	18	17
Kabayan	169	169	170
Kaloob	38	38	39
Kampil	291	290	295
Kasama	154	154	121
Katapat	94	94	98
Katutubo	65	65	67
Kilos	118	118	120
Kkk	54	54	53
Lahing Veterano	133	133	137
Lakas Nucd-Umdp	2,225	2,225	2,266
Ldp	939	939	970
Ledfi	11	11	9
Lp	287	287	235
Mad	19,029	19,038	20,280
Marcos Loyalist	149	149	148
Maritime	1,741	1,741	1,765
Mscfo	15	15	14
Naci	25	25	26
Nactodap	375	375	381
Ncco	14	14	4
Ncia	29	29	30
Npc	213	213	223
Nupa	167	167	169
Ocw	642	642	648
Ocw-Unifil	240	240	244
Ofw	1,911	1,904	1,900
OK Napu	25	26	26
OK Napu	26	26	27
Osmeña	13	13	14
Pacd	20	20	22
Padpao	283	286	285
Pag-asa	215	215	214
Parp	931	936	937



Candidate	Recorded votes	Votes in audited SOV	Votes in COC
Pasalba	22	22	23
Pcap	114	114	117
Pda	326	329	335
Pdp Laban	1,202	1,202	1,217
Pdsp	61	61	66
People Power	350	350	363
Pinoy May K	187	187	192
Pm	3,034	3,036	3,140
Pma	520	525	445
Pmp	798	798	1,082
Pmp-Pinatubo	1,071	1,081	966
Pmsea	104	104	203
Ppp-Youth	99	99	101
Primo	42	42	50
Promdi	137	137	134
Prp	62	62	64
Ptc	180	180	183
Pusyon	40	40	41
Pwp	225	225	228
Ram	780	780	790
Rp	177	177	28
Sanlakas	1,077	1,079	1,086
Sjs	143	143	134
Sm	45	46	46
Tapat	280	280	285
Tindog Waray	37	38	37
Tricap	63	63	64
Vacc	1,784	1,781	1,831
Veterans Care	283	283	287
Vfp	1,829	1,831	1,882
Wpi	451	454	438

Mandaluyong city

Total clustered precincts	806
Registered voters	160,131
Turnout (est.)	104,631 (65.3%)
Untabulated ERs	
Illegible entries	4 senatorial
	10 party list



	21 local official
Missing pages	4 party list
Word/figures do not tally	142 senatorial
	158 party list
	119 local
No data on voters who voted	11 senatorial
	11 party list
	11 local
Not retrieved	17

Parañaque city, Metro Manila (only grand totals in the SOV were submitted for audit; total erroneously tabulated votes = 5,883)

Candidate	Votes in SOV	Votes in COC	Difference
Recto	73,019	70,019	-3000
Party list			
Aasenso Ka	671	873	202
Abanse! Pinay	2,554	1,554	-1000
Bigkis	820	901	81
Consla	473	476	3
Cup	2,976	2,676	-300
Katutubo	84	623	539
Mad	20,550	21,155	605
Parp	639	486	-153

Pasay city

Total clustered precincts	1,194
Untabulated ERs	
Lacking data/unreadable/ missing pages, etc.	283 senatorial
	193 party list
No data on voters voted	34 senatorial

N.B. Party list ERs had no provisions for data on total number of voters and total number of voters who voted.



Reported by Namfrel **Pasig** chairperson, Antonio Miguel on 17 May, Day 3 after Election Day

Namfrel Pasig chapter had finished its tabulation of national and local posts and is submitting this summary.

1,365 precincts (65%) have been encoded and tallied.

720 ERs (34%) cannot be tabulated

11 ERs (0.5%) are unaccounted for

The reasons for the 720 ERs that cannot be tabulated are the following: illegible entries, discrepancies in the tally against the votes [in words and figures], invalid erasures, total votes exceed number of voters who voted, incomplete pages of the election returns, and ERs not signed by the BEIs.

The erroneously tabulated votes for mayor is 365.

Mayoral candidates	Barangay	Precinct no.	Votes in <i>taras</i>	Votes in figures or words	Difference
Bangasan	Sta. Cruz	167A/169A	1	0	-1
	Buting	262A/265A	0	103	103
	Malinao	34A/36A	4	3	-1
Eusebio	Manggahan	1018A	110	107	-3
	Pinagbuhatan	1493A-1	14	15	1
		1501A/1507A	106	105	-1
	Bambang	257A/258A	95	99	4
	Buting	262A/265A	103	0	-103
	De la Paz	892A	77	78	1
	Manggahan	975A-1	111	112	1
Manalo	San Miguel	1053A	3	0	-3
	Kapasigan	30A/31A	2	1	-1
Raymundo	Manggahan	1016A	8	80	72
	San Miguel	1079A-2	8	18	10
	Rosario	1154A	17	77	60



The erroneously tabulated votes for vice mayor is 27.

Vice mayoral candidates	Barangay	Precinct no.	Votes in <i>taras</i>	Votes in figures or words	Difference
Bernardo	Pinagbuhatan	1496A	91	92	1
	Ugong	795A	44	54	10
Lipana	Bambang	249A/247A	57	51	-6
	Ugong	848A/849A	107	97	-10

The erroneously tabulated votes for councilor from district 1 is 1,101.

Councilor dist 1 candidates	Barangay	Precinct no.	Votes in <i>taras</i>	Votes in figures or words	Difference
Bariza	San Antonio	703A/707A	8	6	-2
Barreto	Bg Ilog	614A/568A-1	48	51	3
	Ugong	795A	51	50	-1
Co	Kapasigan	30A/31A	92	98	6
	No Brgy	no precinct #	91	96	5
	Sagad	120A	80	85	5
	Bg Ilog	583A	66	67	1
Cruz	Buting	297A	8	18	10
	Pineda	758A	13	14	1
	No Brgy	no precinct #	10	11	1
Flores	San Joaquin	442A/442A-1	7	0	-7
	No Brgy	93A/95A	6	5	-1
Lati	Caniogan	413A/415A	44	45	1
Obispo	Bambang	249A/247A	9	8	-1
Rupisan	Sagad	105A/106A	77	69	-8
	Palatiw	5A	49	44	-5
	Ugong	851A/855A	51	50	-1
San Agustin	Sagad	120A	4	6	2
	Sto. Tomas	179A/179A-1	2	12	10
San Buenaventura	Sagad	120A	71	87	16
	Sta. Cruz	161A	112	111	-1
	Kalawaan	341A/342A	105	115	10
Santiago	Sto. Tomas	175A	79	76	-3
	Palatiw	89A/89A-1	125	128	3



Councilor dist 1 candidates	Barangay	Precinct no.	Votes in <i>taras</i>	Votes in figures or words	Difference
Santiago	No Brgy	no precinct #	68	69	1
Tan	Sagad	120A	16	31	15
	No Brgy	93A/95A	13	913	900
Tatco	Kalawaan	341A/342A	100	118	18
	Pineda	757A-1/758A-1	62	9	-53
Valencia	Pineda	757A-1/758A-1	1	6	5
Ventosa	Kalawaan	341A/342A	3	5	2
Vivar	Sagad	120A	2	5	3

The erroneously tabulated votes for councilor from district 2 is 597.

Councilor dist 2 candidates	Barangay	Precinct no.	Votes in <i>taras</i>	Votes in figures or words	Difference
Alandanan	Rosario	1157A	22	4	-18
Baiza	Manggahan	968A-1	33	32	-1
Benavides	Manggahan	975A-1	73	79	6
De la Cruz	Rosario	1196A	39	34	-5
		1264A/1265A	109	119	10
	Manggahan	968A-1	47	46	-1
Eusebio	Sta. Lucia	1606A/1607A	72	31	-41
		975A-1	73	84	11
Guzman	San Miguel	1052A	6	4	-2
	Manggahan	1012A	3	113	110
		956A-1	2	3	1
		975A-1	9	10	1
Iglesias	Manggahan	975A-1	30	31	1
Ilagan	San Miguel	1085A	6	16	10
	Manggahan	975A-1	19	20	1
Lucas	Rosario	1264A/1265A	3	4	1
Martires	Manggahan	1009A	114	124	10
		1015A	114	111	-3
Martires	San Miguel	1086A	24	34	10
	Sta. Lucia	1606A/1607A	79	89	10
	Manggahan	975A-1	88	89	1
Pascual	Rosario	1157A	10	143	133
Raymundo	Rosario	1157A	23	220	197



Councilor dist 2 candidates	Barangay	Precinct no.	Votes in <i>taras</i>	Votes in figures or words	Difference
	Pinagbuhatan	1467A	14	13	-1
	Manggahan	975A-1	91	92	1
Rigor	No Brgy	93A/95A	9	5	-4
San Agustin	No Brgy	no precinct #	11	9	-2
Tuazon	Rosario	1157A	14	12	-2
	Manggahan	975A-1	12	13	1
Umandap	Sta. Lucia	1555A	8	9	1
	Manggahan	975A-1	20	21	1

In the tabulation of the senatorial votes, 1,479 votes were erroneously tallied. These errors were found in 81 precincts from 26 barangays affecting 36 candidates. The average tabulation error was 18 votes per precinct or 41 votes per candidate.

The party list tabulation showed 378 erroneously tabulated votes from 78 precincts in 22 barangays affecting 62 party list organizations. The average tabulation error was five per precinct or six per organization.

Makati city (total erroneously tabulated votes = 2,626)

Candidate	Audited votes	Votes in SOV	Difference
Angara	125,637	125,683	46
Arroyo	123,970	124,764	794
Bajunaid	565	575	10
Chato	51,294	51,261	-33
Chavez	1,742	1,787	45
De Castro	145,527	145,554	27
Defensor-Santiago	103,286	103,226	-60
Drilon	117,428	117,381	-47
Enrile	101,487	101,485	-2
Flavier	144,253	144,170	-83
Herrera	74,956	74,920	-36
Honasan	105,494	105,424	-70
Lacson	106,213	106,086	-127
Lozano	10,609	10,568	-41
Madrigal	63,142	63,136	-6



Candidate	Audited votes	Votes in SOV	Difference
Magsaysay	109,043	108,673	-370
Mercado	86,850	86,839	-11
Monsod	82,892	82,935	43
Morato	9,435	9,420	-15
Navarro	12,194	12,261	67
Osmeña	123,666	123,554	-112
Pagdanganan	66,034	65,948	-86
Pangilinan	106,155	106,171	16
Puno	99,469	99,140	-329
Rasul	56,121	56,129	8
Recto	95,732	95,699	-33
Sabio	3,542	3,540	-2
Tamado	34,596	34,585	-11
Tañada	102,493	102,509	16
Villar	97,956	97,928	-28
Yasay	54,449	54,500	51
Gil	58	57	-1

Navotas (total erroneously tabulated votes = 425)

SOV no.	Candidate	Votes in SOV	Votes per audit	Difference
2105072	Lacson	2,251	2000	251
2105081	Mercado	1,989	1,859	130
2105077	Recto	936	926	10
2105072	Sabio	22	56	-34

Southern Luzon

Report by Picpa **Pampanga** president, Romeo Torno to Namfrel on 28 May

Our findings are as follows:

1. Errors noted from cross footings made from the subtotals of candidates in the following municipalities: **Sto. Tomas, Sasmuan, San Luis, Porac, Minalin, Macabebe, and Lubao**



2. In the municipality of San Luis, five copies of the party list of SOV no. 2114831, representing precincts 1-A-2 to 8-A-1, were not segregated and attached along with the other precincts. This will make the other documents incomplete.
3. The copies of the SOVs given to us are not readable.
4. In the municipality of Minalin the number of precincts canvassed exceeded by three as per report by Comelec

Clustered precincts per Comelec	Precincts in COC	Difference
108	111	+3

5. We were not able to check the transfootings made for the municipality of Macabebe because COCs were not attached and given along with their [respective] SOVs.

Reported by Picpa **Laguna** president, Ma. Arleen Aclan to Picpa executive director Horace Dumlao on 28 May.

We were assigned in San Pedro, Laguna. At the Central School, San Antonio Elementary School and *barangay* hall of San Vicente and Nueva with a total of 123 precincts. We were not able to get 10 ERs for the following reasons: five [BEIs] proceeded to the municipal hall without handing to us our copy; one ER was locked inside the ballot box; and four were still counting when we left at 0700H [the day after the elections]. Some of the volunteers recognized irregularities which were very obvious. The counting went on smoothly, yet it seems very unusual why some [BEIs] were not able to submit their returns together with the others inasmuch as the average number of voters per precinct were almost the same.



Report from Picpa **Batangas** president, Aster Marasigan to Namfrel on 8 June.

Our findings are as follows:

1. Reference to SOV no. 2111470 page 3, item 77, the party list Go Go Philippines, due to erroneous addition should have a total number of votes of 13 instead of 12. On page 5, entries on items 134, 138, 139, 144, 156, 159, and 160 were not clear nor readable.
2. There was an error in the transfooting of item 31 on page 1 of COC no. 1433442. Total votes for Ralph Recto should be 50,837 and not 50,835.

Teachers guilty of election fraud to be dismissed: Roco

By TONY PE. RIMANDO

Public elementary and secondary school teachers and field school officials who will be found guilty of committing election irregularities during the May 14 elections will be dismissed from their jobs.

But the Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS) will first defend its teachers allegedly involved in election fraud.

This was announced recently by Education Secretary Raul S. Roco in response to several reports received by his office that some teachers and lower-echelon school officials like principals and district supervisors will be charged by aggrieved candidates due to alleged election-related malpractices.

In a recent press conference, Roco said DECS lawyers will go to the rescue of teachers once the mentors are formally charged for alleged participation in irregularities in the last political exercise.

The DECS has lawyers in all its 16 regional office, Roco said, adding that "we will pay for the legal assistance they will extend to accused teachers."

The rule, Roco said, is that as long as the teachers who served as chairmen or members of the Board of Election Inspectors in every precinct are within their rights and duties, "we will answer for them."

The education chief, however, explained that giving teachers legal assistance does not mean that the DECS is permissive to the alleged malpractice.

"Teachers who later are found guilty as charged will lose their job," Roco said. "If they are at fault, especially if they are found involved in vote-shaving, which is a clear violation of the law, then they will have to go."

The DECS chief challenged candidates complaining against some teachers to come forward and lay true their claim by charging the teachers.

Roco stressed that those who charged teachers of alleged election malpractice should be ready to prove what they are saying.

"Let them come up with good evidence so we could slap erring teachers with appropriate disciplinary action, including their dismissal from their classroom work," Roco said.

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Tanauan, Bauan.

G.R. Virey reported on 10 June

- As we verified the election returns, we noted numerous errors in cross footing and the data on the number of voters and actually voted and even votes per item [are] sometimes unreadable.

Audit findings on the statement of votes and certificate of canvass

On the statement of votes, the following localities did not indicate the number of registered voters: **Sto.**

Tomas, Balete, Laurel, Mabini, San Jose, Malvar, Nasugbu, San Pascual,



The following municipalities did not indicate the number of voters who actually voted on the statement of votes: **Sto. Tomas, Balete, Taysan, Laurel, Sta. Teresita, San Juan, Mabini, Lemery, San Jose, Malvar, Ibaan, Balayan, Nasubu, San Pascual, Rosario, Tanauan, and Bauan.**

The following candidates have discrepancy on their recorded votes.
(Total erroneously tabulated votes = 39,349.)

Candidate	Votes "per audit"	Votes per canvass	Difference
De Castro	555,364	565,364	+10,000 *
Drilon	311,828	311,588	-240 *
Flavier	323,841	338,168	14,327 **
Herrera	168,911	168,940	+29 *
Lacson	263,615	262,615	-1,000 *
Madrigal	111,091	110,891	-200 *
Magsaysay	269,285	282,185	+12,900**
Navarro	13,855	13,857	+2 *
Pangilinan	328,014	328,614	+600 *
Tamano	61,248	61,298	+50 *
Gil	267	268	+1 *

* Error in addition

** unreadable transcript of votes from San Juan

The votes "per audit" column represents the total of the recorded/written votes of each locality in the statement of votes.

Regarding the authenticity of these recorded votes we need the election returns, which unfortunately we don't have.

Report from Picpa **Marinduque** president, Elena Luarca (prepared by Picpa Marinduque secretary, Geronima Tan)

Municipality: **Buenavista, Marinduque** (total erroneously tabulated votes = 217)

Candidate	Picpa audit	Votes per COC	Difference
Ejercito-Estrada	4,193	4,199	6
Rasul	1,224	1,200	-24
Madrigal	1,184	1,234	50



Candidate	Picpa audit	Votes per COC	Difference
Magsaysay	1,810	1,762	-48
Yasay	398	400	2
Party list			
Abcd	8	7	-1
Akbayan	4	5	1
Aklat	9	10	1
Apec	124	131	7
Atip	64	63	-1
Anakbayan	1	2	1
Apil	2	1	-1
Bagong Bayani	106	97	-9
Atip	39	41	2
Cup	5	2	-3
Katapat	2	1	-1
Kkk	2	1	-1
Mad	113	108	-5
Pda	28	38	10
Pdp Laban	80	85	5
Kasama	2	0	-2
Kilos	2	0	-2
Kkk	1	0	-1
Pdp Laban	81	71	-10
Pmp	9	11	2
Vacc	1	2	1
Lahing Veterano	1	0	-1
Lakas Nucd-Umdp	12	0	-12
Ldp	9	7	-2
Ncia	7	2	-5

Municipality: **Gasán, Marinduque** (total erroneously tabulated votes = 30)

Candidate	Picpa audit	Votes per COC	Difference
Gil*	0	1	1
Canoy	582	602	20
Casil	6	8	2
Party list			
Akbayan	8	7	-1
Aksyon	5	7	2
Lakas Nucd-Umdp	38	39	1
Ldp	11	12	1
Mad	124	126	2



Municipality: **Mopog, Marinduque** (total erroneously tabulated votes = 149)

Candidate	Picpa audit	Votes per COC	Difference
Chato	1,014	944	-70
Casil	26	83	57
Party list			
Pdp Laban	212	213	1
Partido ng Manggagawa	35	34	-1
Psae	7	5	-2
Ptc	54	65	11
Social Justice Society	5	7	2
Tricap	7	8	1
Vacc	29	28	-1
Vfp	250	252	2
Veterans Care	10	9	-1

Municipality: **Torrejos, Marinduque** (total erroneously tabulated votes = 115)

Candidate	Picpa audit	Votes per COC	Difference
Lozano	30	34	4
Navarro	81	87	6
Adaza*	101	11	-90
Party list			
Pmp Pinatubo	15	2	-13
Pmsea	2	0	-2

* Votes in SOVP is 101

Report from **Catanduanes** coordinator, Leny Sarmiento, on 7 June 2001.

During Election Day, we witnessed massive vote buying ranging from five hundred (P500) to seven hundred (P700) per voter. However, no election-related violence was reported. Some of the BEIs denied giving us the ERs because according to them, they were not informed by the local Comelec. However upon presentation of the certification from the provincial election registrar, they eventually granted our request. Some of the 6th copy of the ERs are unreadable, some of the information being asked were not properly filled-up (e.g. number of voters, and number of voters who actually voted).



Report from **Quezon** Picpa president, Melba Mendoza to Namfrel on 7 June.

1. Most SOV and COC submitted by some municipalities have accurate cross footing and transfooting.
2. Only minor discrepancies were noted such as the following
 - a. There are some superimpositions on figures in the SOV which do not have initials of the person who changed the figures. However, the superimposed figures tally with the cross footing.
 - b. Only the municipalities of **Mauban, Dolores** and **Candelaria** have minor discrepancies in cross footing.

Discrepancies on crossfooting of SOVs

Municipality: **Candelaria, Quezon** (total erroneously tabulated votes = 114)

Candidate	Over/under statement
Bajunaid	-2
Monsod	+32
Canoy	+8
Party list	
Pilipino Workers Party	-20
Women Power, Inc.	-2
Pmp Pinatubo	-1
Ram	-6
Apo Service	-1
Ldp	-2
Lakas Nucd-Umdp	-2
Mad	+37
Ofw	-1

Municipality: **Dolores, Quezon** (total erroneously tabulated votes = 75)

Candidate	Over/under statement
Tamano	+10
Puno	+40
Flavier	-25



Municipality: **Mauban, Quezon** (total erroneously tabulated votes = 821)

Candidate	Over/under statement
Casil	-10
Drilon	-1
Madrigal	+10
Mercado	+430
Monsod	+10
Osmeña	-30
Pagdanganan	+20
Recto	+93
Tañada	+20
Villar	+3
Yasay	-70
Angara	+100
Arroyo	-20
Canoy	-4

Rizal

Maria Luz Caedo (chair of the municipal board of canvassers of **Binangonan**), Rosalina Piguing (vice chair), and Rosario Vallestro (member secretary), signed COC no. 151403 reflecting the votes of vice gubernatorial candidates Teodoro O'Hara at 35,754 and Jovita Rodriguez at 18,871.

However, Namfrel discovered that when the precinct votes in the SOVP were correctly added, O'Hara's votes would only be 28,754 or an overstatement of 7,000 votes. Without correcting the overstated votes O'Hara's total votes from the entire province was 216,798 and Rodriguez's was 215,443 or a slim margin of 1,355 votes. The provincial board of canvassers, claiming unawareness of the overstatement proclaimed the former as winner.

The Rodriguez camp in basing their protest used the Namfrel's copies of the COCs and SOVs to check the data because her watchers were not given copies.



After a long drawn-out legal tussle before the Comelec and the Supreme Court, the latter decided that Rodriguez won. In July 2002, Rodriguez assumed vice-governorship of Rizal.

Visayas

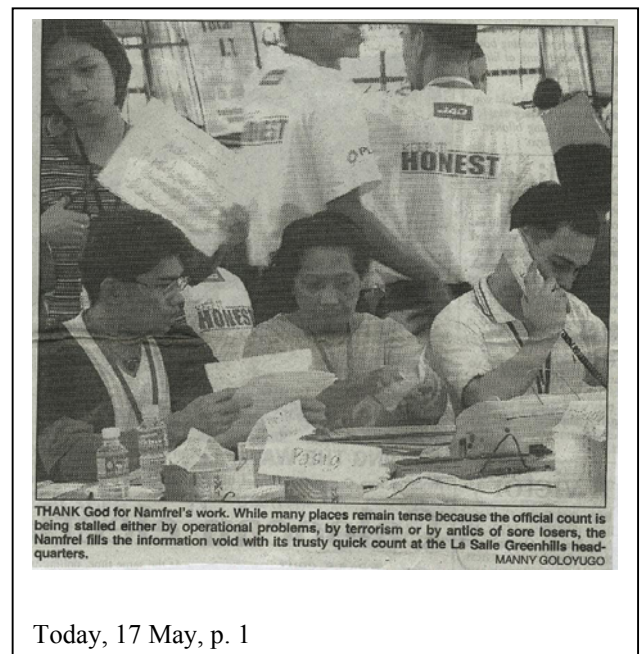
Letter of Namfrel national chairman Jose Concepcion, Jr. to Comelec chairman Alfredo Benipayo on 21 May, Day 7 after Election Day

"Namfrel and its auditing team consisting of professional auditors and accountants from the Picpa have reported the following discrepancies in the municipal statement of vote by precinct and the certificate of canvass of the municipality. Attached are the details.

In order to ensure as much as possible the accuracy of the count may we strongly urge the Comelec special audit team to undertake cross footings per senator based [sic] on the statement of votes by precinct.

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As your citizen's arm, we respectfully urge Comelec to undertake the above procedures with urgency and transparency so that the sanctity of the recently concluded electoral exercise can be preserved for the benefit of the Filipino nation.





Municipality: **Batad, Iloilo** (total erroneously tabulated votes = 1,980)

Candidate	Votes in COC	Votes in audited SOV	Difference
Adaza	51	59	-8
Angara	298	1,298	-1,000
Chato	199	1,171	-972

Municipality: **Guimbal, Iloilo** (Renalisa Jacaba, Percylette Elgario, and Leonidas Londres, board of canvassers; total erroneously tabulated votes = 4,174)

Candidate	Votes in COC	Votes in audited SOV	Difference
Herrera	4,812	4,882	-70
Lacson	3,002	3,027	-25
Osmeña	8,310	8,455	-145
Villar	3,369	7,303	-3,934

Municipality: **Estancia, Iloilo** (Daniel Badilla, Deony Cababao, and Edwin Espina, board of canvassers; total erroneously tabulated votes = 1,708)

Candidate	Votes in COC	Votes in audited SOV	Difference
Adaza	166	182	-16
Angara	3,711	3,734	-23
Arroyo	5,288	5,366	-78
Bajunaid	8	7	1
Canoy	762	783	-21
Casil	18	21	-3
Chato	1,488	1,539	-51
Chaves	145	143	2
De Castro	8,557	8,397	160
Defensor-Santiago	4,761	4,660	101
Drilon	8,024	8,033	-9
Ejercito-Estrada	3,175	3,076	99
Enrile	3,417	3,469	-52
Flavier	7,153	7,145	8
Herrera	2,444	2,536	-92
Honasan	3,582	3,476	106
Lacson	2,948	2,901	47
Lozano	70	67	3
Madrigal	766	775	-9
Magsaysay	5,779	6,039	-260
Mercado	2,598	2,583	15
Monsod	2,490	2,526	-36



Candidate	Votes in COC	Votes in audited SOV	Difference
Morato	212	204	8
Navarro	211	209	2
Nueva	28	27	1
Osmeña	5,732	5,809	-77
Pagdanganan	2,519	2,639	-120
Pangilinan	5,525	5,492	33
Puno	3,255	3,197	58
Rasul	931	925	6
Recto	4,747	4,771	-24
Sabio	55	54	1
Tamano	517	513	4
Tañada	2,952	3,085	-133
Villar	6,653	6,662	-9
Yasay	3,505	3,545	-40

Cebu – Reported by Picpa Cebu president Jimmy Chi Kiong Go to Picpa executive director Horace Dumlaog, on 21 June, Day 7 after Election Day

Reconciliation of the number of votes from COC to overall provincial canvass by municipality for the 2nd district (total erroneously tabulated votes = 85)

Candidate	Total votes from 15 municipalities in the district	Remarks
Casil	367	Under 1
Herrera	66,833	Over 26
Tamano	2,549	Under 58

Reconciliation of the number of votes from COC to overall provincial canvass by municipality for the 3rd district (total erroneously tabulated votes = 42)

Candidate	Total votes from 7 municipalities in the district	Remarks
Rasul	6,420	Over 30
Yasay	28,567	Under 2
Gil	19	Over 10



The votes in words for senatorial candidates Chato (74,397) and Mercado (51,282) in the municipality of **Consolacion** differed with the votes in figures.

Biliran

Municipality: **Almeria, Biliran** (total erroneously tabulated votes = 76)

Candidate	Audited votes	Votes in SOV	Difference
Canoy	386	402	16
Villar	2,701	2,751	50

Municipality: **Cabucgayan, Biliran**

Candidate	Votes in COC	Votes in audited SOV	Difference
Recto	1,712	1,748	-36

Municipality: **Culaba, Biliran** (total erroneously tabulated votes = 783)

Candidate	Audited votes	Votes in SOV	Difference
Canoy	334	324	-10
Chato	736	718	-18
Flavier	1,705	1,668	-37
Herrera	817	814	-3
Recto	1,360	648	-712
Sabio	38	35	-3

Municipality: **Biliran, Biliran** (total erroneously tabulated votes = 798)

Candidate	Audited votes	Votes in SOV	Difference
Chato	6,303	6,285	-18
Flavier	12,360	12,323	-37
Herrera	7,880	7,877	-3
Lacson	9,755	9,745	-10
Navarro	530	530	0
Recto	11,617	10,895	-722
Sabio	199	196	-3
Tañada	7,469	7,464	-5

Municipality: **Naval, Biliran** (total erroneously tabulated votes = 25)

Candidate	Audited votes	Votes in SOV	Difference
Lacson	4,413	4,403	-10



Candidate	Audited votes	Votes in SOV	Difference
Recto	6,302	6,292	-10
Tañada	4,254	4,249	-5

Leyte

Municipality: **Albuera, Leyte** (total erroneously tabulated votes = 149)

Candidate	Votes in SOV	Votes in audited SOV	Difference
Adaza	220	229	-9
Flavier	6,129	6,064	65
Herrera	5,187	5,170	17
Madrigal	570	563	7
Mercado	1,642	1,660	-18
Osmeña	7,181	7,211	-30
Rasul	699	696	3

Municipality: **Bato, Leyte** (total erroneously tabulated votes = 72)

Candidate	Votes in COC	Votes in audited SOV	Difference
Herrera	4,836	4,839	-3
Honasan	1,682	1,712	-30
Magsaysay	5,214	5,248	-34
Mercado	1,404	1,402	2
Monsod	3,653	3,650	3

Municipality: **Barugo, Leyte** (total erroneously tabulated votes = 801)

Candidate	Votes in COC	Votes in audited SOV	Difference
De Castro	6,805	6,802	3
Drilon	3,862	3,070	792
Honasan	5,009	5,005	4
Mercado	2,779	2,777	2

Municipality: **Inopacan, Leyte**

Candidate	Votes in SOV	Votes in audited SOV	Difference
Adaza	103	105	-2

Municipality: **Isabel, Leyte** (total erroneously tabulated votes = 422)

Candidate	Recorded votes	Votes in audited SOV	Difference
Adaza	254	257	-3
Canoy	1017	1001	16
De Castro	8,415	8,425	-10
Defensor-Santiago	2,341	2,275	66



Candidate	Recorded votes	Votes in audited SOV	Difference
Drilon	9,146	9,071	75
Flavier	8,194	8,166	28
Rasul	940	1000	-60
Tamano	464	449	15
Villar	10,264	10,204	60
Party list			
Aklat	253	257	-4
Angkop	13	18	-5
Bayan	1,046	1,106	-60
Bea	54	53	1
Bigkis	6	10	-4
Binhi	13	10	3
Coop-Natco	339	342	-3
Lakas Nucd-Umdp	122	124	-2
Marcos Loyalist	706	705	1
Npc	354	349	5
Ocw	13	14	-1

Municipality: **Mahaplag, Leyte**

Candidate	Votes in COC	Votes in audited SOV	Difference
Recto	4,188	4,191	-3

Municipality: **Palo, Leyte** (total erroneously tabulated votes = 169)

Candidate	Votes in SOV	Votes in audited SOV	Difference
Tamano	1,829	1,815	14
Tañada	4,415	4,332	83
Villar	6,216	6,157	59
Yasay	2,760	2,747	13

Municipality: **San Miguel, Leyte** (total erroneously tabulated votes = 557)

Candidate	Votes in SOV	Votes in audited SOV	Difference
Drilon	2,221	1,922	299
Ejercito-Estrada	2,270	2,326	-56
Enrile	1,991	2,173	-182
Magsaysay	1,925	1,945	-20



Municipality: **Tolosa, Leyte**

Candidate	Votes in COC	Votes in audited SOV	Difference
Tañada	896	878	18

Wrong winner declared; execs correct selves

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DUMAGUETE CITY—Election officials in Tanjay City are seeking to correct an error in the canvass of votes in which a losing candidate for the city's 10th council seat was proclaimed winner.

Rogelio Benjamin, provincial election supervisor, said the Tanjay board of canvassers filed a petition to set aside the proclamation of Felix Barot and instead proclaim Rolando Tabaloc as councilor.

The petition was filed with the Commission on Elections in Manila late last month after the National Movement of Free Elections in Tanjay informed the board that it proclaimed the wrong candidate.

The Namfrel, after checking its own data, found that Tabaloc should

have been declared winner on May 17 instead of Barot.

The board was composed of election supervisor Etlinda Noche-franca and members Julio Zamora and Chito Real.

The board had listed Tabaloc in the statement of votes with 7,078 votes and Barot, 7,070 votes. But in the certificate of canvass, Barot was listed with 8,262 votes.

Benjamin said the board erroneously counted an entry twice so instead of about 500 votes, they credited over 1,000 votes to Barot.

He, however, said the error affected only Tabaloc.

Benjamin thanked the Namfrel for pointing out the error.

He told a forum Wednesday afternoon that the Namfrel should be called the "friendly opposition," instead of the Comelec's citizens arm, because "we check each other's data."

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Negros Oriental

Negros Oriental - In **Tanjay** [city], Comelec conducted a recount because Namfrel and Comelec results did not tally. Namfrel results proved to be the correct one.



Northern Samar, 22 May 2001, Day 8 after Election Day

Municipality: **Catarman, No. Samar**

Candidate	Votes in SOVP	Votes in COC	Disparity
Tañada, Wigberto	6,344	6,044	-300

The Statement of Votes by Precinct (SOVP) lists the votes from individual precincts of a municipality or city. The totals are transferred to the Certificate of Canvass for the City/Municipality (COC).

Municipality: **Bonbon, No. Samar** (total erroneously tabulated votes = 796)

Candidate	Votes in SOVP	As cross footed	Difference
Ejercito-Estrada	2,359	1,701	658
Pangilinan	1,121	1,179	-58
Local Board Member			
Kam, John	1,782	1,702	80

Cross footing is going through the multi-page SOVP and checking that voters for each candidate in all precincts are accurately recorded. The Philippine Institute of Certified Public Accountants (Picpa) performed this process using the SOVPs collected by Namfrel. Picpa also compared the total votes in the SOVP and in the COC.

Municipality: **San Jose, No. Samar** (total erroneously tabulated votes = 290)

Candidate	Votes in SOVP	As cross footed	Difference
Enrile	1,686	1,756	-70
Ejercito-Estrada	4,107	4,127	-20
Honasan	3,012	2,962	50
Flavier	1,246	1,236	10
Madrigal	1,549	1,552	-3
Osmeña	1,285	1,255	30
Pagdanganan	2,358	2,368	-10
Party list candidate			
Bayan Muna	765	673	92
Ram	323	318	5



Municipality: **Capul, No. Samar** (total erroneously tabulated votes = 771)

Candidate	Votes in SOVP	As cross footed	Difference
Angara	1,583	1,491	92
Chato	1,037	1,005	32
De Castro	1,206	1,173	33
Drilon	1,234	1,201	33
Enrile	1,801	1,842	-41
Flavier	1,305	1,296	9
Herrera	972	992	-20
Honasan	2,154	1,882	272
Lacson	1,792	1,802	-10
Magsaysay	1,243	1,211	32
Pagdanganan	1,794	1,743	51
Pangilinan	2,247	2,240	7
Puno	1,433	1,412	21
Rasul	1,045	1,055	-10
Tamano	136	147	-11
Tañada	2,142	2,055	87
Villar	1,447	1,457	-10

Municipality: **San Antonio, No. Samar** (total erroneously tabulated votes = 2,074)

Candidate	Votes in SOVP	As cross footed	Difference
Arroyo	903	882	21
Canoy	155	146	9
Casil	10	9	1
Chato	471	467	4
Chavez	55	50	5
De Castro	1,117	1,078	39
Defensor-Santiago	1,217	1,137	80
Drilon	863	842	21
Ejercito-Estrada	1,630	1,531	99
Enrile	1,404	1,317	87
Flavier	900	882	18
Herrera	556	540	16
Honasan	1,576	1,486	90
Lacson	1,387	1,306	81
Lozano	33	32	1
Madrigal	898	834	64
Magsaysay	880	858	22



Candidate	Votes in SOVP	As cross footed	Difference
Mercado	1,193	1,118	75
Monsod	483	474	9
Morato	81	77	4
Navarro	116	112	4
Osmeña	934	914	20
Pagdanganan	1,414	1,348	66
Pangilinan	1,728	1,645	83
Puno	1,232	1,160	72
Rasul	951	893	58
Recto	1,188	1,151	37
Tamano	101	94	7
Tañada	1,515	1,436	79
Villar	905	888	17
Yasay	459	448	11
Vice-gubernatorial candidate			
Lubos, Ramon	2,306	2,196	110
Board members			
Del Valle, Rodolfo	1,985	1,882	103
Dubongco, Arturo	923	971	-48
Lavin, Guido	2,328	2,121	207
Lim, Licarion	1,835	1,736	99
Mondigo, Glicerio	1,053	1,008	45
Monfort, Augusto	670	638	32
Rebadulla, Perrian	1,625	1,528	97
Singzon, Justiniano	702	670	32
Vicario, Shirley	2,083	1,982	101

Municipality: **Mondragon, No. Samar** (Estanislao Espina, Julita Herrera, and Erlinda Tabali, board of canvassers; total erroneously tabulated votes = 1,808)

Candidate	Votes in SOVP	Votes in COC	Difference
Yasay	291	2,091	1,800

Board member	Votes in words (equivalent)	Votes in figures	Difference
Rebadulla, Perrian	1780	1,788	8

Reported by Namfrel **Mondragon, Northern Samar** volunteer, James Lauswana on Election Day – Party list election returns of precinct 14-A, *barangay Doña Lucia* are missing pages 2 to 4.



Municipality: **Lope de Vega, No. Samar** – COC not given to Namfrel;
total erroneously tabulated votes = 308)

Candidate	Votes in SOVP	As cross footed	Difference
Defensor-Santiago	575	534	41
Flavier	375	408	-33
Honasan	720	726	-6
Mercado	445	345	100
Osmeña	559	584	-25
Puno	544	531	13
Rasul	401	392	9
Recto	497	550	-53
Tañada	779	773	6
Villar	532	554	-22

Entry for candidate Recto for precinct 8A is 7 overwritten with 27

The total votes that were erroneously tallied in the following case is equal to 405.

Candidate	Votes in SOVP	Votes in COC	Difference
Defensor-Santiago	1,290	1,250	-40
Drilon	822	777	-45
Pagdanganan	1,099	1,125	26
Puno	966	946	-20
Tañada	1,330	1,083	-247
Villar	990	963	-27

Municipality: **Catubig, No. Samar** (Prospero Olmedo, Sozonte Gloriono, and Fabia Lagrimar, board of canvassers; total erroneously tabulated votes = 307)

Candidate	Votes in SOVP	As cross footed	Difference
Honasan	1,012	793	219
Pangilinan	723	664	59
Yasay	368	397	-29



Municipality: **Gamay, No. Samar** (Fernando Moscare, Carlito Calvo, and Clarita Celaya, board of canvassers.; total erroneously tabulated votes = 231)

Candidate	Votes in SOVP	As cross footed	Difference
Herrera	836	883	-47
Party list			
Pdsp	3	88	-85
People Power	88	3	85
Ram	0	7	-7
Rizalista	7	0	7

Municipality: **San Isidro, No. Samar** (Juchita Collamar-Sy, Gilda Bulalague, and Eugenio Jumandiao, board of canvassers.)

Candidate	Votes in words in COC	Votes in figures in COC	As cross-footed in SOVP	Difference
Yasay	Eighty two	820	820	738

Municipality: **Pambujan, No. Samar** (Leopoldo Morillos, Lucita Ejercito, and Nilo Salazar, board of canvassers; total erroneously tabulated votes = 2,457)

Candidate	Votes in SOVP	Votes in COC	Difference
Enrile	2,119	1,031	-1,088
Magsaysay	1,935	1,688	-247
Navarro	71	49	-22
Rasul	511	311	-200
Recto	2,046	2,346	300
Tañada	1,682	1,382	-300
Vice gubernatorial candidate			
Lubos	3,896	4,196	300

Municipality: **Silvino Lobos, No. Samar** (Nonita Arzadon, Gloria Jarito, and Melanio Dulcero, Jr., board of canvassers; total erroneously tabulated votes = 516)

Candidate	Votes in SOVP	As cross footed	Difference
Angara	713	720	-7
Arroyo	706	670	36
De Castro	541	536	5
Defensor-Santiago	740	730	10
Drilon	354	357	-3



Candidate	Votes in SOVP	As cross footed	Difference
Ejercito-Estrada	991	998	-7
Enrile	800	790	10
Flavier	428	420	8
Herrera	269	289	-20
Honasan	1,049	1,044	5
Lacson	912	880	32
Madrigal	86	130	-44
Magsaysay	879	848	31
Mercado	501	492	9
Monsod	261	235	26
Osmeña	499	455	44
Pagdanganan	653	671	-18
Pangilinan	561	584	-23
Recto	663	632	31
Tañada	700	714	-14
Villar	991	906	85
Municipal board members			
Atondo	885	877	8
De Sales	709	748	-39
Gorembalem	1,001	1,002	-1

Entry for Lagrimas, candidate for provincial board member, on page 1 of the SOVP (for precinct 8A-1) was overwritten with 37. The initial entry was 17. No initials were found in the alteration.

The SOVP containing Party list was not received by Namfrel, therefore, no comparison was made on the COC and SOVP.

Municipality: **Lavezares, No. Samar**

Candidate	Votes in SOVP	As cross footed	Difference
De Castro	3,461	3,458	3

Entries on COC for local positions are not discernible.

Municipality: **San Roque, No. Samar**

Candidate	Votes in SOVP	Votes in COC	Difference
De Castro	2,178	2,238	60
Lacson	2,687	2,627	-60
Magsaysay	1,196	1,136	-60



Entries for RAM were altered in all pages of the SOVP. No initials were affixed on them. The votes obtained by RAM on the COC were compared to the figures consolidated by Namfrel.

Party list	Votes in COC	Votes from Namfrel OQC	Difference
Ram	1,637	90	1,547



Municipality: **Mapanas, No. Samar**

Party list	Votes in SOVP	As cross footed	Difference
LP	69	59	10

Municipality: **Precinct 129-A/129-A1, San Pascual, Catarman, No. Samar**

Data on voters etc.

No. of registered voters	203
No. of voters included by order of the court	0
No. of voters excluded by order of the court	0
No. of voters who actually voted	116
Total no. of ballots received	206



Ballots found in the compartment for valid ballots 116

Results of the counting

For Congressman	No. of votes
Abayon	116
Jumamil	23
Tagle	0
Total votes for all congressional candidates	139

Difference between total ballots and votes received by all candidates is 23.

For Governor	Votes in <i>taras</i>	Votes in words
Daza	130	129
Ong	18	18

The total votes for gubernatorial candidates are 147. Disparity between total number of voters who voted, which is 116, and the total number of votes for the gubernatorial candidates is 31.

Municipality: **Allen, No. Samar** – There were no SOVPs provided to Namfrel. Instead the COCs were compared with the Namfrel OQC results. The total difference in the votes tabulated equaled 5,201.

Candidate	Votes in OQC	Votes in COC	Difference
Arroyo	2,180	2,188	8
Bajunaid	6	15	9
Canoy	346	391	45
Chatto	1,763	1,717	-46
Chavez	53	116	63
De Castro	3,239	3,267	28
Defensor-Santiago	3,817	3,607	-210



Candidate	Votes in OQC	Votes in COC	Difference
Drilon	2,631	2,671	40
Ejercito-Estrada	4,518	4,548	30
Honasan	4,996	3,449	-1,547
Lacson	4,724	4,725	1
Lozano	43	42	-1
Madrigal	2,362	2,372	10
Mercado	2,677	2,695	18
Navarro	158	148	-10
Nueva	4	5	1
Pagdanganan	3,302	3,311	9
Pangilinan	3,812	3,804	-8
Puno	3,069	3,065	-4
Rasul	2,007	2,021	14
Recto	2,960	1,957	-1,003
Tamano	423	467	44
Tañada	3,303	3,329	26
Villar	2,982	2,979	-3
Party list			
Ahonbayan	71	46	-25
Ahoy	903	990	87
Aim	50	2	-48
Akbayan	50	47	-3
Aklat	95	25	-70
Ako	72	79	7
Aksyon	52	71	19
Angkop	63	66	3
Atin	215	255	40
Atip	30	1	-29
Bandila	143	152	9
Bantay-bayan	18	3	-15
Bayan Muna	775	904	129
Buhay	70	72	2
Butil	10	0	-10
Cibac	73	77	4
Cocofed	120	117	-3
Consla	9	20	11
Coop-Natco	89	109	20
Creba	21	3	-18
Elderly	39	35	-4
Fejodap	32	45	13
Green	5	3	-2
Green Phil	217	213	-4
Lakas Nucd-Umdp	25	5	-20



Candidate	Votes in OQC	Votes in COC	Difference
Ldp	6	0	-6
Lp	123	38	-85
Mad	85	36	-49
Marcos Loyalist	563	170	-393
Maritime	45	16	-29
Nactodap	10	1	-9
Ncco	8	1	-7
Ncia	44	14	-30
Npc	515	133	-382
Ocw	4	1	-3
Ofw	10	2	-8
Pcap	18	3	-15
Pdp Laban	38	0	-38
Promdi	9	14	5
Ram	162	157	-5
Vfp	95	89	-6
For Congressman			
Abayon	3,924	3,932	8
Jumamil	3,743	3,803	60
For Governor			
Daza	4,278	4,297	19
Ong	4,611	4,621	10
For Vice-governor			
Kam	3,916	3,886	-30
Lubos	4,033	4,063	30
For provincial board member			
Alcera	2,914	2,925	11
Del Valle	3,046	3,022	-24
Lim	3,011	3,014	3
Mondigo	3,051	3,056	5
Monfort	2,603	2,618	15
Rebadulla	2,426	2,484	58
Singzon	2,684	2,696	12
Vicario	2,943	3,016	73

Examination of the **provincial canvass** showed the following discrepancies:

Senatorial candidate	Votes in SOVM	As cross footed	Disparity
Recto (p. 1)	16,627	16,827	-200
Canoy (p. 2)	6,558	6,755	-197



Senatorial candidate	Votes in SOVM	As cross footed	Disparity
Pangilinan	32,443	32,451	-8
Puno	30,355	30,345	+10
Rasul	17,574	17,512	+62
Recto (p. 2)	37,662	30,745	+6,917
Villar	33,187	33,189	-2
Party list			
Ahoy	2,247	3,237	-990
Ram	5,594	6,016	-421

SOVM – Statement of Votes by Municipality/City

The total erroneously tallied votes from the provincial canvass are 8,808.

Municipality of **Rosario** – No SOVP for national positions. However, there were no discrepancies noted in the cross footing of the SOVP for local positions.

Leyte

Reported by volunteer Leah Polo on Day 1 after the elections from **Jaro,**

Leyte, barangay III, precinct 17-A, ER 21180015

Party list	Votes in <i>taras</i>	Votes in figures	Equivalent votes in words
Apo Service	0	1	1
Coop-Natco	2	0	0

Precinct 17-A1, ER 21180016

Senatorial candidate	Votes in <i>Taras</i>	Votes in figures	Equivalent votes in words
Pagdanganan	25	25	21
Councilor			
Trota	22	29	29

Precinct 49-A, ER 21180048

Party list	Votes in <i>Taras</i>	Votes in figures	Equivalent votes in words
Bagong Bayan	25	0	0



Reported by volunteer Sarah Catan on Day 1 after the elections from

Jaro, Leyte, barangay III, precinct 1-A, ER No. 21180001

Party list	Votes in <i>taras</i>	Votes in figures	Equivalent votes in words
Bantay Bayan	1	0	0

Report from Namfrel **Bohol** coordinator, Fr. Andres Ayco, on Day 10 after Election Day.

Municipalities which results corresponded with the Namfrel OQC:

Anda	Baclayon	Batauan	Calape
Candijay	Carmen	Catigbian	Corella
Cortes	Dagohoy	Danao	Duero
Lila	Loay	Mabini	Sagbayan
Sevilla	Sierra-Bullones	Trinidad	Tubigon
Valenca			

There was a 300-vote discrepancy in the votes in words (331) and figures (531) in the SOVP of **Talibon** for senatorial candidate Morato.

Report from Sally Tejares, chairperson of Namfrel in **Antique** on Day 10 after Election Day.

Namfrel and Comelec's data in the municipality of San Jose did not tally. One candidate filed a protest using our own data. Our record showed this candidate to have 62 votes in one precinct, but had only six votes in the Comelec's record. He won after reviewing and comparing the records.

Ms. Tejares also observed some clerical error that may be due to teachers accomplishing the ERs who were very tired and sleepy. It also caused some of the entries to be hardly legible.



Report (by email) of Picpa **Negros Oriental** president, Michael Amores to Picpa national on 22 June

About eight Picpa members joined the Namfrel OQC. We went to the Roman Catholic Diocesan Pastoral Office the night of the election. No returns were available yet, so we decided to plan the necessary function of Picpa in checking/reviewing the returns. A team was also sent to the Dumaguete city Comelec counting office to watch and observe the counting. The team was composed of Michael Amores (president) and Christopher Quinamot (EVP). The team at the Comelec counting office decided to use a laptop computer so as to make a separate summary of the results which will be later on compared to the Namfrel tally. However, the Comelec tally board was made up of manila paper only such that people from different camps observing the counting team [tore] them apart. The Comelec then decided to use our summary data in the computer as the official tally board. On the 16th of May at 0300H, the Comelec proclaimed the winners of the Dumaguete city local officials using Picpa's computer print-out.

We observed that the Namfrel totals do not tally with Comelec's. This was mainly because Namfrel has the 6th copy which most of the times are unreadable.

We suggest that if we have a part in the election again, our effort will be of best use if we go as tabulators for the Comelec.

Letter (excerpted) from Namfrel **Iloilo** chairperson, Arturo Salazar to Namfrel executive director Telibert Laoc, on 30 May 2001.

Our batting score is 98.82% of the 1,101 precincts in Iloilo city, and 95.5% of the 4,995 precincts in the province (in spite of missing the results from Anilao and San Rafael.)



After the “Estancia expose” Comelec made it hard for us to retrieve COCs and SOVs in most municipalities and in Iloilo City.

Noteworthy to say is that Iloilo city’s 98.82% [coverage] was attained on 20 May while the City Comelec completed local and national tally on 25 May. If provincial Comelec was not playing hooky we could have done all within seven days.

Aforementioned problems tighten down our computer centers. I’m proud to say that we have attained our objectives with all the Comelec impediments within 10 days after the election with the highest percentage of reporting, and dare say it was a real Quick Count that preventive massive cheating in accurate counting of votes to produce COCs and SOVs. It also triggered the political candidates know-how in checking canvassing practices of the Comelec, when they saw the transparency of our auditing ERs, procedures, computer encoding, and computer coded figures audit, wherein many of them were allowed to observe. Media played a major part in this information dissemination. We enjoyed the cooperation of print, radio, and TV coverage. Media provided us 100% support at all times and the candidates depended on us for the latest printouts. We provided the local candidates ranked printouts. In these regard cheating in canvassing was prevented. People used our releases as basis for checking Comelec data.

Findings:

1. The chemical on the paper causing the Namfrel’s 6th and 4th copies to be carbonless may have expired. Observation: All, **except our copy were unreadable**. Even the 7th copy was readable.
2. BEIs – 85% errors in the counting of votes.
3. Comelec were not all happy when we were around and even made it hard for us to attain our objectives. Widespread corruption among Comelec’s officials and BEIs.



4. Comelec's information dissemination was very poor. Most BEIs and Comelec municipal officers did not know all the procedures.
5. Cheating was aimed at all contesting parties and candidates. What counted really was just who came around with the money.
6. Moral degeneration of our voting public and BEIs who are below the poverty bracket including the 18-25 age bracket (youth).

In conclusion, modernization of procedures is a must to minimize, if not completely erase the aforementioned problems. Of course, there should be proper information dissemination, revamp, and retraining of Comelec organization for being the source of most problems.

Moral regeneration drive in our schools should be intensified together with unscrupulous public school teachers.

Mindanao

Reported by **Namfrel Davao city** co-chairperson, Manuel Orig on 24 May

As announced during the press conference of Namfrel Davao city on 17 May, the chapter is conducting a post-tabulation evaluation of the ERs, which was the basis of the [OQC] tabulation.

The evaluation was triggered by the observation that there were a number of 6th copies where the votes written in words did not equal the tally (*taras*).

As a consequence, the chapter commissioned a statistician, serving as volunteer, to evaluate the ERs, specifically to:

1. Determine the nature of discrepancies;
2. Determine the extent of discrepancies; and



3. Determine if there was a pattern (by district, by candidate) of the occurrence of the discrepancy.

Based on the study conducted, we have arrived at the following observations:

As to the nature of the discrepancies – These can be classified into: 1) those involving a difference between the *taras* and the votes in words or “tally discrepancy”; and 2) those involving any information not related to the tally or “demographics discrepancy.”

As to the extent of the discrepancy – 38% of the samples (10% of the 3,068 precincts) showed either both types of discrepancy; majority, or 62% showed neither form of discrepancy. Of those with discrepancies, about 30% of the total sample showed tally discrepancies. About 43% of the tally discrepancy involved “addition,” or votes in words exceeded the tally, and 57% involved “subtraction,” or the votes in words were less than that of the tally. Additions ranged from 1 to 49 votes, while subtractions ranged from 1 to 85 votes. Average addition was 9.04 per occurrence, and average subtraction was 19.20 per occurrence. Out of the 161 candidates with tally discrepancies, 106 have addition discrepancies and 94 have subtraction discrepancies.

On the extent of discrepancies in the district level – Total discrepancies were 29% in district 1, 35% in district 2, and 27% in district 3.

On the extent of discrepancies per candidate – The top five candidates with additions and subtractions per position are:

Position	Addition		Subtraction	
	Candidate	Votes	Candidate	Votes
Senator	Recto	38	Osmeña	85
	Monsod	31	Canoy	51
	Chavez	19	Tañada	20



Position	Addition		Subtraction	
	Lacson	15	Chato/Lacson	10
	Pagdanganan	12	Magsaysay	7
Congressman	Nograles	10	Bian	3
	Albay	4	Aportadera	1
	Alterado	2		
	Garcia	2		
	Orcullo	1		
Mayor	De Guzman	49	Duterte	8
	Duterte	10	De Guzman	7
			Celmar	2
Vice Mayor	Pala	27	Braga	9
	Bonguyan	6	Bonguyan	1
	Braga	1		
Councilors	Galicia	11	Cabling	50
	Rodriguez	10	Orcullo	49
	Orcullo	7	Gomez	43
	Luque	6	Barril	40
	Lumain	5	Gonzaga	23
Party list	Alagad	34	Bayan	43
	Coop Natco	7	Mad	16
	Aklat	5	Alagad	11
	Green	3	Pmp	7
	Akap	2	Akk	6

Conclusion: While there were discrepancies noted in the ERs, we have not seen a clear, convincing, and systematic pattern that these discrepancies occurred with such consistency that will enable Namfrel Davao city to establish a pattern to conclude that these discrepancies indicate fraud.

Reported by Namfrel **Davao Oriental** chairperson, Sr. Justina Villagracia, MIC on 22 June

Municipality: **Manay, Davao Oriental** (Charlotte Escarian, Sulpicio Anacaya, Janete Esteban, board of canvassers.)

Candidate	Votes in words (equivalent)	Votes in figures	Votes in audited SOV
Chavez	73	73	103
Ejercito-Estrada	6,519	6,519	6,423



Candidate	Votes in words (equivalent)	Votes in figures	Votes in audited SOV
Tamano	1,360	1,360	1,299

Municipality: **Cateel, Davao Oriental** (Jenric Enriquez, Roque Alac, Jr., Esteban Silvosa, board of canvassers.)

Candidate	Votes in words (equivalent)	Votes in figures	Votes in audited SOV
Canoy	795	795	855
Bajunaid	85	89	85
Party list			
Buhay	0	0	2
Aklat	3	3	10

Municipality: **Caraga, Davao Oriental** (Marylou Soliven, Gerardo Aguiomod, Eureka Deypalubod, board of canvassers.)

Party list	Votes in words (equivalent)	Votes in figures	Votes in audited SOV
Veterans Care	0	0	5
Vacc	5	5	0

Municipality: **Baganga, Davao Oriental** (Nelson Burnea, Francisco Jimenez, Rolando Magtuba, board of canvassers.)

Party list	Votes in words (equivalent)	Votes in figures	Votes in audited SOV
Npc	144	142	142

Municipality: **Boston, Davao Oriental** (Evelyn Nirza, Normaldo Grana, Vilma Losentes, board of canvassers.)

Party list	Votes in words (equivalent)	Votes in figures	Votes in audited SOV
Tricap	0	0	1

Municipality: **Lupon, Davao Oriental** (Sulaiman Alilian, Maximo Tanzo, Francisco Serapio, board of canvassers.)

Party list candidate	Votes in words (equivalent)	Votes in figures	Votes in audited SOV
Bandila	73	73	84



Municipality: **Mati, Davao Oriental** (Sergio Manligoy, Conrado Buencamino, Jr., Eustaquio Jimenez, Jr., board of canvassers.) – COC submitted is incomplete: No copy of SOVP, no copy of party list, and no copy of senators.

Report from Namfrel **Lanao del Sur** head of Tabulation Center and Provincial OQC Task Force, Nasser Dibansa of 19 May, Day 5 after Election Day

Municipality	No. of ERs collected	Remarks
Marawi city	100	85%
Kapai	27	Complete
Tugaya	38	Complete
Wao	79	Complete
Balabagan	55	Complete
Marogong	45	Complete
Masiu	5	Stop-and-go counting
Balindong	11	Stop-and-go counting
Lumbayanague	10	Stop-and-go counting
Bubong	10	Stop-and-go counting
Saguiaran	10	Stop-and-go counting
Pagayawan	9	Stop-and-go counting
Marantao	8	Stop-and-go counting
Bumbaran	Not at the provincial office yet	
Tamparan	None	Stop-and-go counting
Pualas		Stop-and-go counting
Lumbatan		Stop-and-go counting
Bayang		Stop-and-go counting
Bacolod-Kalawi		Stop-and-go counting
Madamba		Stop-and-go counting
Ganassi		Stop-and-go counting
Lumba-Bayabao		Stop-and-go counting
Maguing		No counting yet
Mulondo		Stop-and-go counting
Poona-Bayabao		Stop-and-go counting
Buadi Puso Buntong		Stop-and-go counting
Ramain		Stop-and-go counting
Taraka		Stop-and-go counting
Tagoloan		Stop-and-go counting
Piagapo		Stop-and-go counting
Calanugas	Not yet at the provincial office	
Sultan Gumander	Not yet at the provincial office	
Malabang	Not yet at the provincial office	
Kapatagan	Not yet at the provincial office	
Tubaran	No counting yet	



Municipality	No. of ERs collected	Remarks
Binidayan	No counting yet	
Butig	No counting yet	
Sultan Domalondong	Total failure of election	
Madalum	Total failure of election	

Reports on the discrepancy found in the examination made between the 6th copy election returns result against the certificate of canvass results for the municipality of **Marogong** (referring to COC No. 168383823) from Nasser Dibansa, head of Tabulation Section of Namfrel Lanao del Sur. The board of canvassers was composed of Disalongan Polala, Mangoramas Casan and Salem Bertudan. The total erroneously tabulated votes equaled 7,270.

Candidate	Namfrel OQC	Comelec COC	Difference
Adaza	23	13	-10
Angara	340	34	-306
Arroyo	562	534	-28
Bajunaid	1370	1617	247
Canoy	51	57	6
Casil	12	21	9
Chato	113	184	71
Chavez	49	20	-29
De Castro	1023	1024	1
Defensor	317	158	-159
Drilon	638	240	-398
Ejercito-Estrada	295	137	-158
Enrile	473	368	-105
Flavier	347	447	100
Herrera	242	240	-2
Honasan	401	1866	1465
Lacson	393	245	-148
Lozana	18	40	22
Madrigal	78	72	-6
Magsaysay	269	209	-60
Mercado	284	131	-153
Monsod	126	2349	2223
Morato	6	27	21
Navarro	1	6	5
Nueva	2	32	30
Osmeña	244	230	-14



Candidate	Namfrel OQC	Comelec COC	Difference
Pagdanganan	339	318	-21
Pangilinan	647	717	70
Puno	91	184	93
Rasul	1772	1623	-149
Recto	538	551	13
Sabio	25	173	148
Tamano	1937	1296	-641
Tañada	340	474	134
Villar	1158	1032	-126
Yasay	162	263	99
Gil			

The board of canvassers for the municipality of **Bubong** is composed of Timbang Bao, Pangalian Alawi, and Hedjarah Usodan. The total erroneously tallied votes equaled 48,997.

Audit of Election Return and Municipal Certificate of Canvass in Lanao de Sur				
		Discrepancy of votes in ER and votes in the COC		
Municipality		Bubong	Marogong	Net
Independent				
1	De Castro	-138	1	-137
2	Bajunaid	-844	247	-597
People Power Coalition		17,376	2,057	19,433
1	Arroyo	1,632	-28	1,604
2	Chato	-345	71	-274
3	Drilon	338	-398	-60
4	Flavier	606	100	706
5	Herrera	3,864	-2	3,862
6	Monsod	3,084	2,223	5,307
7	Pangilinan	2,636	70	2,706
8	Recto	2,272	13	2,285
9	Tañada	1,295	134	1,429
10	Villar	1,994	-126	1,868



Audit of Election Return and Municipal Certificate of Canvass in Lanao de Sur			
Pwersa ng Masa	23,469	677	24,146
1 Angara	2,514	-306	2,208
2 Defensor-Santiago	4,789	-159	4,630
3 Estrada	4,718	-158	4,560
4 Enrile	4,798	-105	4,693
5 Honasan	4,832	1,465	6,297
6 Mercado	-314	-153	-467
7 Puno	2,132	93	2,225

Municipalities where COCs were not given to Namfrel: **Bacolod-Kalawi, Balabagan, Binidayan, Bumbaran, Ditsa-an Ramin, Kapatagan, Lumbatan, Madalum, Maguing, Malabang, Pagayawan, Piagapo, Poona-Bayabao, Tagaloan, Taraka, Tubaran, and Marawi** city.

Municipalities where SOVs were not given to Namfrel: **Bacolod-Kalawi, Balabagan, Binidayan, Bubong, Bumbaran, Ditas-an Ramin, Kapatagan, Lumbatan, Madalum, Maguing, Malabang, Marogong, Pagayawan, Piagapo, Poona-Bayabao, Tagaloan, Taraka, Tubaran, and Marawi** city.

Precinct 19-A, Calanogas, Lanao del Sur (2001)

Candidate	ER votes	SOVP votes	Candidate	ER votes	SOVP votes
Adaza	0	6	Magsaysay	6	8
Angara	9	160	Mercado	0	3
Arroyo	5	160	Monsod	2	150
Bajunaid	22	151	Morato	2	7
Canoy	0	15	Navarro	0	10
Casil	0	27	Nueva	0	21
Chatto	0	38	Osmeña	7	71
Chavez	0	18	Pagdanganan	3	71
De Castro	11	51	Pangilinan	9	115
Santiago	2	150	Puno	2	81



Precinct 19-A, Calanogas, Lanao del Sur (2001)					
Dilon	4	150	Rasul	20	150
Estrada	2	150	Recto	17	150
Enrile	0	115	Sabio	0	18
Flavier	9	71	Tamano	18	150
Herrera	2	150	Tañada	2	71
Honasan	2	110	Villar	10	140
Lacson	1	4	Yasay	0	8
Lozano	0	7	Gil	0	0
Madrigal	0	1	Total cast	167	2,758

Assume voters in precinct 168 (national average in 2001)
 No. of senators voted on (13 is maximum) 16.4 (Improbable)

Reported by Namfrel **Lanao del Sur** chairperson, Abdullah Lacs Dalidig, (received by Namfrel regional director for Mindanao, Nestor Malapajo, Jr.) on 30 May - There was a blackout in **Marawi** city since this morning which puts on hold the canvassing of the election results. Namfrel volunteers are closely monitoring the canvassing. Some election officers refuse to give the 4th copy of the COC to Namfrel volunteers. Some EOs were nowhere to be found. He suspects that they may be hiding the COCs, waiting for money from politicians. ***Kumakalat na ang kuwarta dito sa Lanao.*** He requests Mr. Concepcion to write a letter to chairman Benipayo for the latter to instruct the stubborn EOs to immediately release the COCs to Namfrel.

Report to Namfrel by Picpa **Lanao del Norte** president Prof. Milagros Narido, on 25 May

As of May 19, 2001, Namfrel received COCs and SOVs from only two municipalities – Matugnao and Bacolod, none from Iligan city. However, while the COC of Matugnao purportedly included 32 precincts, the SOVs from the same municipality covered only 20 precincts and there were no SOVs for Senators. Because of these discrepancies we did not anymore check the footings, cross footings and transfootings of Matugnao.



The SOVs and COC for the municipality of **Bacolod** did not include candidates for congressman. We applied the prescribed audit procedures only to the data on senators and party list on three SOVs covering 57 precincts (SOV nos. 2102301, 2102302, 2102303 and COC (no. 1012301). The discrepancies are:

Candidate	Votes in COC	Audited votes	Difference
Flavier	1,261	1,251	10
Party list			
Aaaffpi	18	17	1
Aasenso ka	1	0	1
Amma	8	9	-1
Anakbayan	8	3	5
Angkop	23	27	-4
Apec	306	290	16
Bandila	68	66	2
Bantay Dagat Inc.	0	3	-3
Bigkis	99	106	-7
Mad	133	130	3
Plam	0	1	-1
Pm	26	25	1
Pma	85	86	-1
Pmp Pinatubo	1	0	1
Scfo	21	19	2
Sulong	1	3	-2
Apec	139	141	-2
Ayos	23	18	5



Reported by Namfrel **Lanao del Norte** chairperson, Godofredo Lumbo: There were 249 ERs [out of 1,983] that contained inconsistencies in the tallies for some candidates. Picpa volunteers counted the [votes] for each candidate and compared these with the totals reflected in the ERs and noticed some discrepancies.

Lanao poll winner proclaimed

ILIGAN CITY - After two months of waiting, the winner of the bitterly contested congressional seat in the 2nd District of Lanao del Norte in the last May 14 election finally took his oath of office yesterday.

Newly elected Rep. Abdullah Dimaporo, 2nd District, Lanao del Norte, took his oath of office before Vice President Teofisto Guingona after the Supreme Court issued a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) to the provincial Commission on Elections (Comelec) and Abdullah Mangotara, the rival candidate, to cease and desist from implementing the Comelec order which suspended Dimaporo's proclamation last June 4.

Based on the Comelec Certificate of Canvass, Dimaporo won over Mangotara by some 5,000 votes.

- Lino de la Cruz

Philippine Daily Inquirer, 22 July, p. 12



Observations on the elections and recommendations to the Comelec

From Namfrel/Ppcrv/Votecare coordinating council of **Abra**

1. Computerized election
2. Bring cases against oppressors of election officers
3. Do not assign neophytes to difficult areas where decision-making is too difficult for them

From Namfrel **Bataan** chapter

1. Comelec should be well prepared in their mandated duty.
2. Comelec election officer who acted and/or made noteworthy decisions promoting clean and honest elections - **Angelina Garrido**, election officer of Balanga city.

Report from Picpa **Bataan** president, Antonio Perez to Picpa national headquarters on 19 June.

The problems encountered during this election is typical of the same problems that we experienced in the past several years. Picpa will be most applauded if it can lobby hard for the computerization of the election process. This is what we need for our electoral process.

We thank our Picpa national officials for this great endeavor of contributing its expertise to this national undertaking. We thank them for giving us the opportunity to serve our nation, though we are not very happy to say that we succeeded well in the task.



From Namfrel **Benguet**

Observations on the conduct of the elections

1. Disenfranchisement of many voters
2. A mysterious power blackout in some voting centers during the counting of ballots
3. The list of number of precincts from the Comelec were not consistent with what Namfrel had
4. Precinct officials did not know the role of Namfrel; obviously they were poorly instructed about their job
5. Inconsistencies in the number of votes indicated in the ERs; the figures and the words did not match

At the end of the day, it is still the powerful, the wealthy, the popular, and the cheaters that won. It is still a dirty election. It seems that the masses have their own criteria of choosing candidates. They seem to be: popularity, family ties, [those who portray] the "martyr" image, "handshakers" and "wavers."

Recommendations to Comelec

1. Review and clean up the party list
2. Combined orientation of voting center officials [BEI] and Namfrel [municipal and] provincial officials before elections
3. Workout the computerization of election now
4. Update and clean up the voters' lists



From Namfrel **Cagayan**

Observations on the elections

Generally peaceful except that there was an attempt to snatch the ballot boxes in the municipality of **Sta. Ana**, which resulted to the death of a policeman and wounding of two Namfrel volunteers.

Recommendations to Comelec

They should be fast in acting on complaints by the voters.

Outstanding Comelec officials

Atty. Hilario Sagun

Amanda Ibanes

From Namfrel **Kalinga**

Observations on the conduct of the elections

1. Rampant vote buying
2. Few turnout
3. In some parts, election is generally peaceful but not honest due to the rampant distribution of rice, money and others
4. Many voters were not able to vote due to difficulty of locating their names as well as their names [were] not found in the list of voters
5. Few precincts in the province where Namfrel/Ppocrv watchers were not allowed in

The conduct of the May 14 elections is peaceful but could not be said as clean and honest because there are still many political manipulations



done by some political camps such as rampant vote buying and selling of votes. [The] Election process is still very tiring for volunteers. [But the] presence of Namfrel had lessened fraudulent activities by some parties. It also helped [the] BEIs in performing their roles.

Activities that helped promote conduct of clean and honest elections

Creation of HOPE (honest, orderly, and peaceful elections)-Kalinga, which is a partnership of the Security Forces, the Comelec, the designated government agencies and the Church and NGOs for the preparation of and conduct of the election. Common meetings and fora were conducted on the planning, monitoring and conduct of the election.

Outstanding election officer

Atty. Thomas Uyam, provincial Comelec supervisor, for his openness and support for the participation of civil society, public, and private sectors.

Recommendations to Comelec

1. Clean up list of voters
2. Upgrade qualifications of candidates
3. Disunity among Comelec commissioners is affecting our political structure in both local and national [levels]. It is the electorate that is adversely affected. We strongly recommend that they go beyond their personal interests and biases and work together for the needed genuine reform for the growth of our nation.
4. We strongly recommend computerization of the next elections



From Namfrel **Isabela**

Observations on the conduct of the election

We observed massive vote-buying, terrorism, and vote-padding (in [the town of] **Angadanan**). There were election returns in with duplicate serial numbers in the town of **San Guillermo**.

Recommendations to Comelec

1. Automation of the elections
2. Investigation of **Andres Pascua, Gil Abuan, and Felipe Ammugauan**, members of the board of canvassers, for their role in vote-padding in **Angadanan**.

From Namfrel **La Union**

Observations on the conduct of the elections

By and large peaceful, thanks to the concerted efforts of the PNP, Comelec and Namfrel. [There were] few incidents of killings in hot [spots] like **Balaoan** prior to the elections and rampant vote-buying and heavy spending by all candidates. Vote-buying would cast doubt on its [election's] credibility but that would be difficult to prove as both voters and candidates are guilty of it.

Outstanding Comelec officials

Elvira Jasmin Manuel – regional director

Atty. Andrew Barcena – provincial election supervisor

Atty. Mariano Salas – election officer of San Fernando city



They did their jobs well with no trace of being in favor [or against] candidates in spite of accusations by defeated candidates.

From Namfrel **Nueva Ecija**

Observations on the conduct of the elections

1. Generally BEIs and volunteers were cordial, cooperative and honest
2. New [members] of the BEI did not follow proper procedures and had minor differences with our volunteers
3. Many voters' names could not be located
4. Full support from religious, civic, NGOs, and other groups
5. There were some precincts without Ppcrv volunteers

Recommendations to Comelec

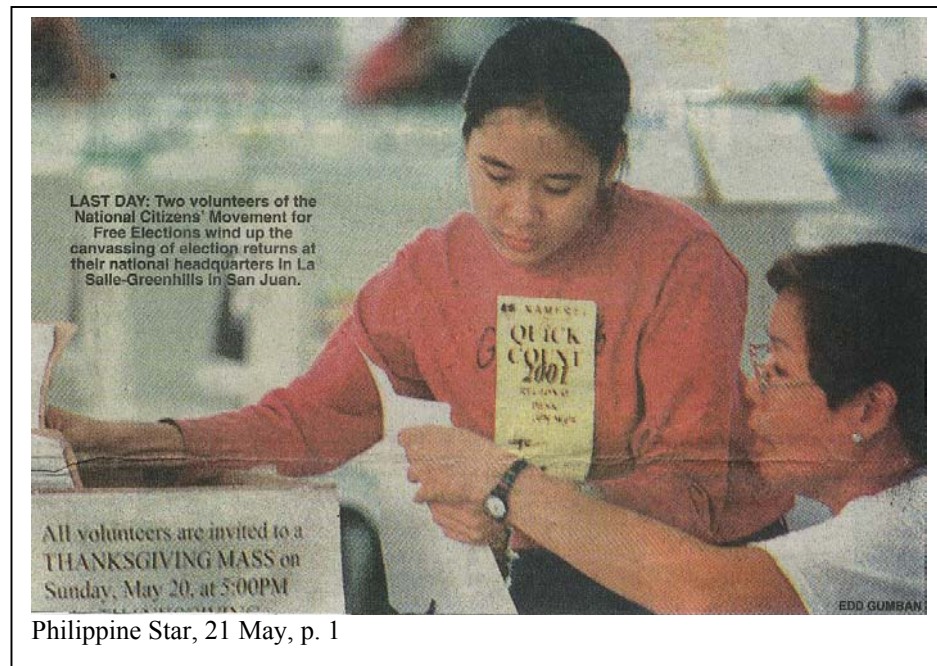
1. Common poster areas should be identified ahead of time and enforced strictly. There should be a corresponding formal information to the candidates so that there will be no excuses [for violations] later.
2. Thorough cleaning of the voters' list.
3. Election violators be jailed, not only accused.
4. Serious orientation of BEIs in manageable numbers for proper absorption and understanding [of instructions], stressing that the accredited citizens' arm of the Comelec be recognized and accepted as poll watchers in the precincts. Joint orientation is encouraged.
5. Serious implementation of the articles of the peace covenant by all candidates.
6. Early posting of the list of registered voters, as required by law.



7. More information dissemination on the party list elections.
8. Comelec takes the lead, [and] not behind all organizations.
9. Computerization [of elections]!

Outstanding Comelec officials

1. **Renato Ramiscal**, election officer of Gapan. Gapan is one of the areas of concern. In spite of the harassment and intimidation, he was able to facilitate the conduct of elections. He coordinated with Comelec, with the Ppcrv-(Mahal)-Namfrel-PNP command, and with other agencies.
2. **Purificacion Batisan**, election officer of Cabanatuan city. The election was peaceful, credible and well coordinated with concerned groups.
3. **John Rivera**, election officer of Munoz. Munoz is a very controversial area yet elections were conducted peacefully and in an orderly manner.





From Namfrel **Nueva Vizcaya**

Observations on the conduct of the elections

The election of 2001 is characterized with the most rampant vote-buying especially in the remote upland *barangays*. [It is] worth noting that this was done by candidates who have been in the position for some time.

Recommendations to the Comelec

1. For the national level, "clean [up] the house" and put their acts together.
2. Reinforce briefing and orientation of BEIs and be strict on the accomplishment of ERs and other forms
3. Reprimand BEIs who could not follow instructions.

From Namfrel **Pampanga**

Observations of the conduct of the elections

1. Many voters voted early
2. Many could not find their names on the list of voters
3. Voters information sheets of the Comelec were not distributed; only a handful of municipalities [distributed] these in coordination with our volunteers in Sto. Tomas and Apalit
4. If people are to be believed, vote buying still flourished in many areas



Activities that helped promote conduct of clean and honest elections

Activation of the Convenors Group of Pampanga, led by the archbishop, local businessmen, press people, and NGOs who worked on the campaign for honest, orderly, and peaceful elections (HOPE). This was done in partnership with line government agencies specifically the DILG and PNP, DECS, and Comelec for the signing of a Covenant for Peace by local candidate. The covenant was posted in public places.

Recommendations to Comelec

Automate the next election please.

If the BEIs were properly oriented, ERs would have been turned over much faster. The Namfrel quick count provided immediate local information about the results.

From Namfrel **Pangasinan** (Alaminos chapter)

Observations on the elections

The election is chaotic with confusing arrangement of voting precincts. Many voters had to go from one precinct to another to look for their names. The party list made the whole exercise of elections very difficult. The usual election violations are still very much around.

Recommendations to Comelec

Comelec should have screened out the party list [organizations] that are not qualified before elections and not after.



Some BEIs are still ignorant about the role of Namfrel volunteers. There are still some who refused to give the 6th copy of the ER. We can only complain but apparently the ignorance continues.

From Namfrel **Albay**

Recommendations to Comelec

1. Amend the [election] code: Address loopholes of party list; strengthen provisions on role of citizens' arm
2. Work for the computerization of elections
3. Cleanse the commission of corrupt officials at all levels
4. Work for increase in budget

From Namfrel **Batangas**

Observations on the conduct of the elections

Generally, the election was peaceful in terms of election-related cases. Politics of patronage is still very strong in the province, considering that many politicians were engaged in the traditional style of gimmicks to win the hearts of the people. They used influence, showbiz personalities, and money. We had this perception that Comelec was not ready and not even sure to have elections last May, perhaps because of EDSA 2. This resulted to the non-delivery of election paraphernalia to the assigned centers or municipalities. We have been hearing these litany of complaints from the election officers themselves. Firstly, the Comelec precinct mapping project [where] people were expecting to see their names of could guide [them to their] precincts. Secondly, the voters' list were not available earlier for people to check, which resulted to confusion at the last minute.



Thirdly, the late assignment or announcement of precincts and voting centers.

Recommendations to Comelec

1. Prepare early
2. Implement laws like modernization law, project of precincts, billboards [common poster areas], etc.
3. Prosecute election violators
4. Moratorium of [re]assignments
5. Workshop/orientation

From Namfrel **Marinduque**

Observations on the elections

1. Vote buying is still rampant.
2. Many candidates are hardly known by the voters.
3. Many registered voters cannot find their names and were not able to vote.
4. Candidates did not follow the limit of the [campaign] expenses.
5. Most BEIs are young and new and they lack training.
6. Late accreditation of Namfrel had a very bad effect. Some watchers were not able to do their duty because they were not given Comelec IDs and IDs from Namfrel were not recognized.

Recommendations to Comelec

1. No more intramurals [among the commissioners].
2. Do your mandate.
3. Keep your independence.



4. Strict screening of party list candidates.
5. Computerization of the electoral process.
6. Clean up voters list.
7. Strict monitoring of candidates' [campaign spending] limits and candidates must declare their supporters so that after the elections people can make observations whether their supporters and being favored or are enjoying special privileges.

From Namfrel **Catanduanes**

Activities that the chapter conducted that helped promote conduct of clean and honest elections

1. candidates' forum and signing of peace covenant;
2. homilies and issuance of pastoral letter of the bishop; and
3. voter's education.

Recommendations to the Comelec

1. Computerization of the election.
2. Orient the BEI about the conduct of the elections, especially in having a citizens' arm like Namfrel.
3. BEIs should be honest.
4. Immediate release of honoraria to BEIs.
5. Copies to be furnished to Namfrel should be clear and without discrepancies.

From Namfrel **Laguna**

Observation on the conduct of the elections

Relatively peaceful except in Binan and Cabuyao



Recommendation to Comelec

Tap experienced Namfrel volunteers to help give seminars to the BEIs before elections.

From Namfrel **Gumaca, Quezon**

Observations on the elections

1. Many voters were disenfranchised.
2. Flying voters in **Pitogo** and **Calauag** (caught and jailed).
3. Rampant vote buying.

From Namfrel **Occidental Mindoro** (reported by Namfrel Sablayan municipal coordinator Fr. Gil Alexandria, SVD, parish priest of San Sebastian, Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro)

Observations on the elections

I would like to mention that the elections here were peaceful and orderly. There were reported cases of disenfranchisement, vote-buying, and harassment – the usual stuff.

From Namfrel **Mandaluyong city, Metro Manila**

There was a low turnout of voters. We received a lot of reports that many voters were unable to find their names in the voters' lists. There were also some cases wherein voters found their names at the assistance desk of the Ppcrv but still they could not vote because their names did not appear in the voters' list that were displayed outside [the] classrooms.

We were not able to get any precinct maps.



The reason why Comelec was not able to give [us] a copy of the voters list was that they didn't have a printer. We did not get the updated computerized voters list until four days before the election.

Comelec did not send out most of the Voter Information Sheets until 10 days before the elections. Namfrel and Ppcrv had to help them in sending these out.

Election officer, Atty. Mary Anne Lacuesta, was courteous and accommodating, but she was "new" and seemingly overwhelmed although she is a veteran. She had just come in September last year. So it seemed that she was not following up on what was needed for the elections. They did not meet a single deadline.

Recommendation to Comelec

Start [preparations] early.

From Namfrel **Marikina, Metro Manila** (reported by Namfrel Marikina chairperson, Pastor Navarro on 8 August)

Recommendations to Comelec

1. Improve dissemination on party list representation.
2. In-depth training of the BEI on the posting of votes on the election return and on knowledge or awareness of the authority of Namfrel volunteers to avoid confusion.
3. Early accreditation of Namfrel is strongly suggested.



From Namfrel **Parañaque, Metro Manila** (reported by Namfrel Parañaque alternate- co-chairperson, Sr. Remedios Centeno, DC on 13 June)

Observations on the elections

Elections were started on time. While tabulating the ERs we noticed that in several precincts less than 50% of the registered voters voted.

Recommendations to Comelec

All elections should always be prepared in advance. Since the success of democracy depends upon clean, honest and peaceful elections, the efforts of the Comelec should be centered on this. It almost every election, we see the Comelec very poorly prepared for such a very important undertaking. There are always complaints regarding the unpreparedness of Comelec not only with respect to this election but also in the past elections as well.

After letting the local Namfrel photocopy the project of precincts (at our own expense) the local Comelec re-clustered the precincts (which necessitated new work and new expense). The result was that some precincts had 250 registered voters [maximum of 200 by law] while others had as few as 10, 15 and even zero [voters]! This we believe led to disenfranchisement of voters.

The local Comelec office is either always closed or if open, only the staff is there. The registrar [election officer] was not available especially after the elections when the losing candidates started filing protests.



Every effort should be exerted to automate the 2004 national elections with the least possible ways of cheating and/or other anomalous activities.

From Namfrel **San Juan, Metro Manila**

Observations on the elections

1. Only 10 SOVPs, out of 25, were given [to Namfrel]. Reason: missing at the Comelec office.
2. In Pasadena polling place, pencil was used on the tally board and ER sheets were signed by the poll watchers while the counting was still on-going. Precinct volunteers called the attention of the BEI chair.
3. At the start like in San Juan Municipal High School, the BEI chairs hesitated to give the 6th copy of the ERs.
4. Nine BEIs did not submit the 6th copy of the ERs. Eleven days later, Comelec released them. Reason: teachers brought the ERs with them.

Recommendations to Comelec

1. It is imperative that the 2004 elections be automated.
2. Honor and recognize Namfrel as citizens' arm to insure honest and clean elections through its OQC.
3. Comelec should be free, independent and non-partisan.
4. Comelec officials and employees should be above politics and apolitical.
5. Comelec should be well prepared much ahead of the coming elections.



Report from Namfrel **Antique** Chairperson, Sally Tejares

Outstanding Comelec officials

I have the honor to recommend the following municipal election officers for recognition due to their outstanding performance during the 2001 elections:

1. **Elsa Salvacion Javier** - She is the election officer of Caluya but served in Pandan because her husband was a candidate for vice mayor in Caluya. She is very supportive to Namfrel and Ppcrv that during the briefings with the BEIs she invited Namfrel volunteers to be present.
2. **Carmencita Moscoso** – She is the election officer of Bugasong. She always consults Namfrel volunteers before making a decision. She advised our volunteers where to concentrate and to assign more volunteers in places where she considers “hot spots.”
3. **Abelardo Villavert, Jr.** – He is the election officer of San Jose. He is very supportive to Namfrel ever since. (In the 1980s he accepted an assignment in the municipality of San Remigio, a mountainous municipality and known to be NPA country, because nobody dared to accept that assignment.) He accompanied me, issued me a Comelec ID card, signed our volunteers’ IDs and welcomed me to witness the counting at the municipal hall.

If our election officers have qualities of these three persons, I can say that we will never face any trouble during elections.



From Namfrel **Capiz**

Observations on the elections

The political situation from the start of the election period to the voting and counting was generally peaceful. There were reports of massive vote buying that resulted to a heavy turnout of voters from 0900H to 1300H. Many voters could not find their names in the computerized voters' list and in the book of voters. The BEIs responded poorly to the problems, offenses and violations within the polling places. Absence or lack of transportation for BEIs and election paraphernalia from the municipal halls were not given attention at all by Comelec and the local government units. Many electorates expressed their lack of understanding of the party list system. The work of local Comelec was greatly affected by the bickering of national officials of the Comelec.

Recommendations to Comelec

We strongly push for the computerization of the voting and counting of the 2004 elections. This will restore the hope and confidence of our people for a clean, honest, and orderly election. Let us give Comelec a chance to rectify their honest mistakes. Changing the people at the commission will not solve the problem but changing the system will certainly improve the management [of the elections].

From Namfrel **Guimaras** (report by Namfrel Guimaras chairperson, Ana Eva Villanueva)

Observations on the elections

1. Elections were orderly done in the different municipalities.



2. The chairperson of Namfrel Buenavista was harassed and had a death threat from the Lakas Nucd party. He was ordered to vacate the lot where his house is being built because he volunteered for Namfrel, thinking that if you are Namfrel you are an opposing party.
3. Government employees who volunteered with Namfrel [through the Spirit of 100 Hours program of the Civil Service Commission] withdrew at the last minute because they thought that they could monetize the hours volunteered for the program.
4. Most of the previous volunteers were recruited to become party watchers causing Namfrel a hard time again to look for and train new volunteers.

Municipality of **Buenavista** – The many BEIs chosen by the district supervisor are related to Lakas-Nucd candidates and two members of the board of canvassers are also related to the mayoralty candidate of the Lakas-Nucd party. Some members of the BEI are tricycle drivers and high school graduates. On the third day of canvassing the election officer was hospitalized due to pressure from both parties causing the canvass to be temporarily suspended. The Regional Comelec office [based in Iloilo] assigned a temporary election officer from Iloilo to continue the canvass. The acting election officer requested to be relieved because the environment was not conducive and because of death threats. On May 22, Regional Comelec sent Atty. Ibarra to act as election officer [and compose the board of canvassers with] DECS principal, and clerk of court of Buenavista. On May 25, Atty. Edgar Espinosa was proclaimed representative of the lone district of Guimaras to Congress. On May 28, the canvass for the gubernatorial down to the *Sangguniang Bayan* was suspended due to a protest from the LDP party. No local winners have been proclaimed.



Municipality of **Nueva Valencia** – *Barangay kagawad* Clarita Toledano and Ma. Luz Gambalan of *barangay* Lucmayan were caught vote buying. A sample ballot [containing] P150 was confiscated and [was submitted as] exhibit with the PNP.

Recommendations to Comelec

Provide copy of the list of registered voters to Namfrel in every precinct, free of charge. Instruct the BEIs to fill up the number of registered voters and voters who actually voted in the ERs.

Submitted by Namfrel municipal chairperson of the municipality of **Buenavista**, police chief inspector Wilfredo Campo – Comelec should provide transportation to deliver and pick up ballot boxes from the Comelec office to the different precincts in the *barangays* and vice versa.

From Namfrel **Bohol**

Observations on the conduct of the elections

Some members of the BEI do not have the proper orientation that makes the election proceedings not systematic.

Recommendation to Comelec

There should be two shifts for the BEIs – one for the election process and one for the counting.



From Namfrel **Negros Oriental**

Recommendations to Comelec

1. Early release of final project of precincts.
2. Final copy of the names of local candidates must be released early and not one week before the elections.
3. Clearer 6th copy of the ER
4. BEIs should diligently fill up in the ERs all information needed and in a clear and legible manner.
5. Comelec must consider Namfrel a partner in this venture and release information to them without having to wait for a Namfrel volunteer to approach them.

From Namfrel **Southern Leyte**

Observations on the elections

The last elections made a mockery of the right to vote. It was a showcase of who has financial capability. It became a contest of one candidate outwitting another candidate and the voters. The candidates who won were [obviously] smarter. Having witnessed the provincial elections, I could say it was a disgrace!

There was massive vote buying on the eve of the elections. Most precincts ended precinct counting at [between] 3:00 and 4:00 a.m. [after Election Day] due to the huge number of voters, tiresome and tedious processes, and most of all fatigue. Most BEIs readily gave the 6th copies of the ER to Namfrel volunteers at the precincts. Others handed these copies at the municipal hall at the persistence of the volunteers. The canvassing of the gubernatorial position and declaration of the winner was delayed



due to objections from candidates who lost. This was resolved by Comelec central a month later.

Other activities by the chapter

Checking with election officers the appointments of questionable BEIs, attendance during the BEI briefing and escorting of BEIs from precincts to the canvassing centers.

From Namfrel **Basilan** (reported by Namfrel Basilan co-coordinators Fr. Rene Carbayas and Michael Manapol and attested to by Ppcrv-Namfrel Basilan chairperson Sr. Virginia Roy, OP, on 20 June)

Observations on the elections – Election Day

0900H – Names of people who voted in the last election were used by other people without any knowledge of the real persons bearing the true identity in barangay **Taberlongan, Maluso** [municipality].

0925H – Armed groups attacked the Upper Bulingan Elementary School between 0530H and 0800H. The attack subsided but continued at around 0900H. A civilian volunteer was reported to have died during the attack. The election has been cancelled and the paraphernalia were transferred to Lamitan municipality.

1000H – Flying voters reported in *barangay* **Tabuk**. In **Busay**, 16 voters who were supposed to cast their votes did not find their names in the voters' list. In **Begang**, names of voters appeared in the voters' list of **precinct 25A-4** but they reported that they have not registered [there] and even they were shocked and confused.



1100H – *Barangay* officials begun entering the precincts and supervising the voting in **Bantugan Elementary School, Upper Garlayan, Maluso** [municipality].

1300H – Flying voters discovered in **Maluso Elementary School**

1415H – In **Isabela** [city] **proper, East**, voter Esperanza Adalia Enriquez found out that someone used her name and voted. Maligue ballots will be counted at Kabunbata because there is no electricity. Voting in Upper Lanote might be transferred because there is no electricity. People in Binuangan and Calvario needed candles for the counting of ballots.

1650H – In **Kabunbata**, a public school teacher BEI was hiding and not showing the ballot while it is being read.

In general, Comelec preparations were a flop, a failure that has affected us. Polling places and precincts opened with an atmosphere of calm.

Counting and canvassing

1. Counting in some precincts of Isabela and all precincts in Sumisip was tightly guarded with the main gate of the school [lined with] barbed wires.
2. Most of the rooms were crowded with [BEIs assigned to] four or more precinct packed in one room. Most BEIs used the tally sheets as seating mats and used manila papers for canvassing instead.
3. Most election returns were not tallied simultaneously with the tally sheets. Instead, the votes were recorded first in



the tally sheets. When finished, the BEIs would then accomplish the ERs.

4. A number of BEIs do not know how to fill up the ERs.
5. The 6th copies of the ER were unreadable.
6. The serial number of the ERs for national positions were different from the ER for local positions in the municipality of **Maluso**.
7. Some BEIs did not release the 6th copy to the Ppcrv-Namfrel volunteers. They preferred that the volunteers claim it from the municipal Comelec.
8. Counting in some precincts took from two to four days because: there were no rooms available; poor lighting or no electricity; BEIs requested for a break; protests and objections [during counting] by candidates

We had problems coordinating with the [provincial] Comelec officer of Basilan. He seemed not interested to communicate with us. He failed to provide us a computer printout of the official voters' list [even if we offered instead to provide disks]. He allegedly held closed-door meetings with some candidates and prominent and influential individuals who are friends of candidates.

Recommendations to Comelec

1. Computerize elections at all levels.
2. Make clear guidelines to accredit party list groups [so] that they really represent marginalized sectors of society. There are too many of them.
3. Secure the municipal and provincial canvassing.



From Namfrel **Bukidnon**

BEIs have different interpretation about the instructions on the Namfrel IDs. They should be given sufficient and clear instruction about the role of Namfrel.

Namfrel municipal and provincial chairpersons should attend BEI orientation so that questions on Namfrel could be discussed.

Comelec should be serious about the implementation of the partnership between Namfrel and Comelec.

Overcome the pattern of delayed distribution of election information and materials.

From Namfrel **Compostela Valley** (reported by Namfrel Compostela chairperson, Teolulo Pasawa on 14 August)

All 10 election officers did their best to promote clean and honest elections. They did well and supported Namfrel volunteers assisting in [Comelec] areas of responsibility.

From Namfrel **Davao Oriental**

Recommendations to Comelec

The Comelec has done its best in their support for Namfrel. Their accommodation and effort to provide us with data were indeed a big help and hope that they will continue to do so. On the other hand we could say that Comelec also in some aspects lacks preparation. Some members were not so sure of their work. This has to be improved.



From Namfrel **Lanao del Norte**

Observations on the elections

Although there were alleged vote-buying and voters were not able to vote, generally the elections was peaceful. The manual canvassing of votes was terrible, just like in the past [elections]. It was inhuman especially for the members of the BEI.

Recommendations to Comelec

1. General registration of voters for the 2004 elections.
2. Computerization of the voters' list and voters should be given enough time to check/verify if their names are in the list. Namfrel should see to it that this is done by the Comelec.
3. Canvassing of votes must be computerized all over the country.
4. For places where trouble is most likely to occur, elections should be held one day ahead so Comelec could concentrate its manpower and resources in these areas.

From Namfrel **Lanao del Sur**

Observations on the conduct of the elections

All streets, buildings, homes, etc., in the province and Marawi city became poster areas of candidates.

[Delayed] release of election paraphernalia cause delays in the voting. But there was strict implementation of the closing of the voting at 1500H. There were failure of elections declared in some municipalities because of these delays.



Counting of votes were not done in the respective municipalities but venue [was] in four separate areas: Lanao provincial capitol for the 1st district, except Wao and Bumbaran, where counting was made in Wao; Lancamp, Marawi City, for the 2nd district, except for Malabang, Balabagan, Kapatagan, Sultan Gumander, Tubaran, and Marogong, where counting was done in Malabang.

The municipal treasurers of **Bumbaran** and **Poona-Bayabao** were killed.

There was tight security by the military of the counting booths so that Namfrel watchers were denied from entering and monitoring the count. This resulted to the failure of collecting the ERs. Namfrel had to resort to using the precinct tally forms to base its OQC on.

Counting was stop-and-go depending on the agreement by the opposing parties. Counting rate was three to five precincts per day.

Conclusion: The May 14, 2001 election is the worst election ever experienced.

“The May 14 election is the most expensive in terms of financial, fatigue, transportation, and casualties.”

Recommendations to Comelec

On the registration of voters: 1) Muslims should be made to swear on the Holy Qur’an that he/she has not registered in any [other] precinct before he/she is allowed to register. 2) Strict compliance of [registering only those who are] 18 years old [or



older]. 3) Identification cards of voters should be issued with photos.

On casting of votes: 1) Voting should start promptly at 0700H; no-ID-no-vote policy.

Computerize the counting and canvassing of votes.

Pay teachers their per diem according to the number of days served until the counting of votes is finished.

Strict implementation of the Omnibus Election Code and other [election] laws. Penalize erring election officers.

It is sad to note that until now [two months after the elections] no elected officials have been proclaimed.

From Namfrel **Surigao del Norte**

Observations on the elections

1. Vote buying were observed.
2. Surigao city, Malimono, Alegria, Tubod and San Jose were under Comelec control.

Outstanding Comelec officials

1. **Joy Jonathan Senaca** – election officer, Surigao city
2. **Norma Glico** – election officer, San Jose



Recommendations to Comelec

1. Modernization/computerization of the system for the coming 2004 elections.
2. To have honest and competent Comelec personnel

From Namfrel **Zamboanga city**

Observations on the elections

Some teachers were really complaining about the bad system in releasing election paraphernalia. They spent hours waiting and [with the thought that] they have to go home to far-flung areas. From this feedback, we got the impression that the distribution and pick-up system agreed during the final conference with the Comelec was not fully implemented.

Recommendations to Comelec

1. Clean up the CVL.
2. Improve information dissemination to avoid massive disenfranchisement of voters especially on registration of new voters and posting of the voters' list. Mobilize citizens and concerned groups to help out.
3. Improve the canvassing system. Use a computer to minimize human errors, and the stress that everyone experiences during this time.

Outstanding Comelec officials

1. **Atty. Helen Aguila-Flores** – regional director
2. **Atty. Roy Cuevas**
3. **Hamja Omar**



From Namfrel **South Cotabato** (reported by Namfrel national co-chairperson and chairperson of Concerned Citizens for Honest, Orderly and Peaceful Elections (CC-HOPE)-Namfrel South Cotabato Bishop Dinualdo Gutierrez on 30 July)

Observations on the elections

1. 459,439 or 76.1% of the total registered voters in South Cotabato, Saranggani and General Santos cast their votes. Results from 3,577 out of 3,608 precincts were retrieved and tabulated.
2. The elections were generally peaceful.
3. Thousands were unable to vote because they could not locate their polling places.
4. Many trained CCHOPE-Namfrel volunteers were hired by political parties.
5. CCHOPE-Namfrel volunteers were remarkable in their commitment.
6. Massive political education was conducted in most basic ecclesial communities (BECs) (around 1,000 in the diocese of Marbel). Money, however, was a significant factor

Recommendation to Comelec - Full automation of elections.

Commend the local Comelec, PNP and AFP for maintaining peace and order and for their full cooperation with CCHOPE-Namfrel.

From Namfrel **Sulu**

Observations on the elections

The assistance of the military resulted in peaceful elections.



Namfrel watchers accompanied the military, teachers and the election officers in delivering the ballot boxes from the [military] brigade to the different municipalities.

There was delay in the arrival of ballot boxes from the island municipalities and the delayed counting and canvassing affected our volunteers.

Outstanding Comelec officials

1. **Atty. Helen Aguila-Flores** – regional director, for issuing a strongly worded memorandum to the election officers in Sulu to attend to and immediately give Namfrel the ERs, COCs, and SOVs as soon as they are prepared.
2. **Haji Habibon Hassan** – for strongly opposing the order of the military. He said the military is deputized to assist [Comelec] so they must obey and cooperate with the Comelec.

Recommendation to Comelec – The counting must be centralized and computerized in one area in Jolo.



Relevance of Namfrel and acts of Courage of volunteers

From Namfrel **Abra** – (reported (excerpted) by Namfrel Abra chairperson, Pura Sumangil on Day 17 after Election Day)

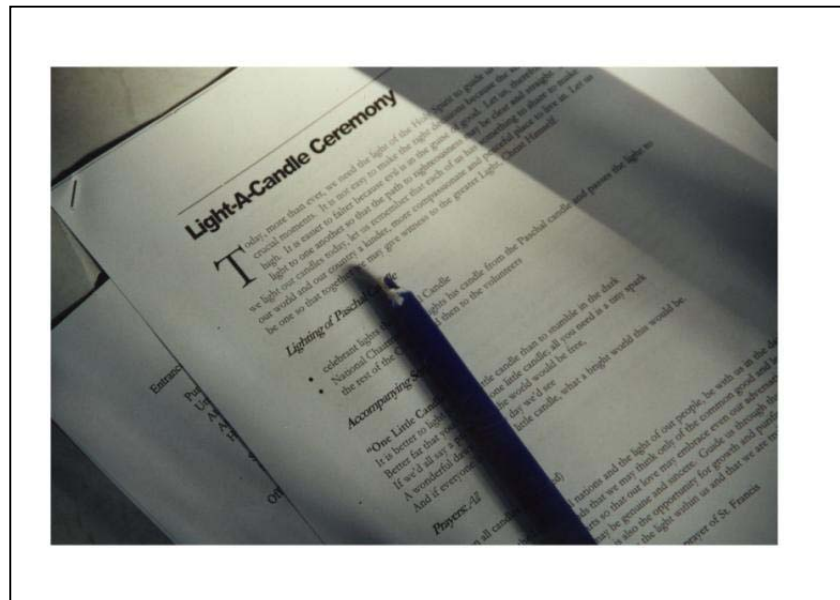
Recruitment of volunteers, organization of chapters went full blast. The veterans of previous elections were only too glad again to commit themselves. Inviting new volunteers however [was] quite different. The reason was economic. The candidates offered as much as one thousand pesos for every political party poll watcher. When life is hard, one thousand pesos [is] not easy to let go.

Teams from Divine Word College, Concerned Citizens of Abra for Good Government (Ccagg) and Social Development Center (Sodec) went around the parishes to help train our volunteers.

Meanwhile, the chairpersons (mostly parish priests) invited the political parties to send their poll watchers to undergo the same training as the Ppcrv and Namfrel volunteers. The response was overwhelming. Hundreds came for the training. Each political party took care of the logistical needs of their members. The parishes prepared simple fares for their volunteers.

Rally for Peaceful Election

The violence that marred the pre-election period in several municipalities coupled with the massive vote buying all over the province prompted the Coordinating Council to hold a Rally for a Peace Election in the afternoon of April 23, 2001.



We invited the basic sectors, the academe, the candidates, the Party List, the army and the police and others. The rally participants, carrying placards, went around the town, which ended at the town plaza where a short program took place. The individual candidates were sandwiched between the police and the army who each sent a platoon.

The representatives of the market vendors, the youth, the Indigenous Peoples (IPs) and the bamboo industry workers addressed the political candidates about the issues and concerns plaguing them. The candidates were also asked to give their stand and or view of certain issues affecting the communities in Abra. A modified form of the Covenant of Peace in Iloco was read to the candidates before signing it. The need to modify it came about because of the massive vote buying taking place all over the province. The covenant said in part that if the candidate made the mistake of buying votes, he would immediately rectify that mistake. Leaders of the religious denominations prayed for the candidates and for peaceful elections as the candidates themselves were lined up side by side that of their fellow candidates. The rally for a peaceful election ended with everybody holding hands and singing "Our Father" led by our Bishop. Radio Station DZPA gave the entire rally ample coverage.



This was the first time that such rally was organized in Bangued.

Candidates fora on the air and in the communities

A part of the education process for both the voters and the candidates was the candidates' fora. The candidates prepared their political party platform before facing their audience. To clarify issues, the listening audience wrote their questions, which were read by the panelists.

The candidates for congressman, governor, vice governor, and *Sanggunian Panlalawigan* as well as the Bangued mayoral, vice mayoral and *Sanggunian Bayan* candidates had their exposure over DZPA. Lito Bigornia, an announcer of DZPA and Merla Ruiz, station manager, anchored the program. Serving, as panelist were mostly our volunteers from the Divine Word College. Originally, the time allotted for the candidates' fora on the air was one and a half hours. But the phoned-in questions from the listeners were simply overwhelming. To accommodate them, the management extended the program for another thirty minutes.

The parishes also sponsored candidates' fora. Its novelty seemed to have waned. Not all the candidates came. The incumbents seemed not ready to face questions on their performance.

Pre-election violence

Much pre election violence happened because of intense political rivalry. The killings in **Lagayan** between the political rivals continued. In **Langiden**, the vice mayoral candidate, with his followers, were ambushed while on their way to another *barangay* to campaign. George Bio, his driver, was killed on the spot. The candidate was badly wounded but survived. In **Namarabar, Peñarrubia**, the health center where a



ballot box was being kept was the focus of some bad men. Unidentified individuals threw a grenade but exploded on a mango tree nearby. This saved the men and women who were keeping watch over the ballot box. These and many more caused the province of Abra to be placed under Comelec control.

The alleged partisan stance of many policemen in various municipalities, among others **San Isidro, La Paz, Bucay, Tayum, Tineg and San Juan** was denounced by many citizens. In fact, candidates came to our provincial Ppcrv/Namfrel Office to complain against them. These policemen were in the company of the incumbents and other candidates distributing money, buying votes, campaigning for their candidates and intimidating the voters.

Election proper

We fielded a thousand and two hundred and six (1,206) volunteers in all of Abra's 27 municipalities. These volunteers came from the cross section of Abra society. Most did poll watching. Special teams were dispatched to problematic municipalities like Lagayan, Baay-Licuan, Lagangilang and Langiden. A few stayed in the secretariat to attend to emergency needs. Others did roving work. Their vehicles were fitted with radios by DZPA and so they doubled as reporters of what they observed on the way or were reported to them by the different communities. Issues raised were taken up with Task Force Abra, the coordinating body deputized to work for Comelec.

Massive votes buying characterized the Election Day. Peso bills inserted in sample ballots continued to be distributed at the entrance of schools. Our volunteers told the distributors that campaign period is over. Telephone calls and text messages were received by the provincial office that several *barangay* captains were freely entering some precincts campaigning for their candidates. They were reported to the Task Force



who in turn promised to send forces to immobilize them. Our roving team also found voters being coached by another individual while in the voting booth. The attention of BEIs in said precincts was called.

The bigger issues were the following:

- ◆ The driver of mayoral candidate Cecilia Luna was shot and killed instantly on Election Day itself.
- ◆ In **Baay-Licuan**, the situation was very tense. The Election Officer was harassed allegedly by the camp of a mayoral candidate. Before the Election Day was over, he asked to be relieved as his life was in danger. The timely arrival of the media somehow eased the tension.

The counting of votes in Bakiro (the center of Baay-Licuan) was stopped because the Election Officer has ordered to stop the counting due to some vague reason of election failure. Also, an SB candidate was stabbed to death. The Comelec Regional Director instructed Major Felix of the AFP to oversee the peace and order of the place. Counting resumed only on the 16th after which the ERs were all brought down to the PNP headquarters in Bangued for the municipal canvass. The winners were proclaimed only after five days.

- ◆ In **Bacooc, Cayapa and Paganao** in Lagangilang, a team of media, Namfrel and police escorted the ballot boxes to the municipal hall for the centralized counting because armed men were allegedly sighted.
- ◆ In Danglas, a BEI lost consciousness because of fear and nervous. Her bulging stomach gave way to some two hundred ballots all in favor of mayoral candidate Wilmer Borbon.
- ◆ While the BEIs in the precinct of **Tubtuba, Tubo** were preparing the election returns, two armed men barged into their precinct and at gunpoint, took the ballots from the table, leaving behind the ERs and other documents.



We were constantly in communication with the Regional Director of Comelec and with Namfrel because of the above.

Despite the above-mentioned violence which marred the elections, our volunteers were steadfast in their commitment. They went on with the election duties and did not desert their posts.

Canvassing and the Picpa

The canvassing of votes on municipal level went on unhampered. Most of the canvassers were manned by chairpersons and/or coordinators of Ppcrv and Namfrel. Mention must be made of the participation of the members of Philippine Institute of Certified Public Accountants (Picpa) Abra chapter with whom Namfrel National entered into MOA. They were twenty in all who sat in the canvassing boards in the municipalities of Bangued, Bucay, Lagangilan and in the provincial canvassing at the provincial capitol of Abra province. When the provincial canvassing board was convened, our volunteers immediately raised the need for the COC form and other official documents and not just the yellow worksheets. The vice chair of the provincial board of canvassers who happened to be the COA provincial head supported us. The COC forms were therefore brought in from the Comelec Office. Canvassing did not begin on time. The municipal canvass were yet coming in. Then the issue of the reception committee and tabulators were raised by the lawyer of the Lakas-NUCD. He averred that the members of the reception and tabulation committees are relatives of the candidate for governor Vicsyd Valera. They may also be under the influence of the governor (candidate Vicente Valera's wife) as they are under her employ. The lawyer prayed that they be replaced. The board acceded to this plea. Tabulators from the COA were brought in. The quick eye of our volunteers prevented the shaving of votes of several senatorial candidates, party list and local candidates. The most glaring was the difference in figures and in words of the votes of Ernesto Pacuña (for governor) and of Dr. Clarito Valera



(for vice governor). For the former, three hundred votes were almost shaved from his total votes in a municipality. For the latter, five hundred votes were almost subtracted from his garnered votes. There were many more instances where differences in figures and in words were detected. The process and the end of attaining fair and credible election was uppermost in our mind when we pointed out detected differences. We called the board's attention notwithstanding which candidate was affected. The election officers (EOs) were called by the provincial board of canvassers to explain. They always reasoned out that they were tired, they have been sleepless, and that they did not mean to commit fraud. But in the end, the errors were rectified.

Namfrel's non-partisan stance during the canvassing won for us the admiration of the party lawyers. The PDSP lawyer in particular said that if this is how Namfrel behaves all over the country, it deserves national commendation.

Ppcrv/Namfrel's legal officer, Atty. Cipriano Blanco ably assisted us during the election and post election controversies.

The case of Tineg

Tineg is an upland municipality which failed to conduct voting on election day. Prior to the Election Day, the weather was erratic. It was raining and when it stopped, the expected helicopter which would have airlifted the ballot boxes as well as the BEIs could not come. Accordingly, the cloudy skies was the culprit. On the 13th of May, the election officer, the BEIs and Namfrel agreed to proceed to Tineg. A military six-by-six [truck] was arranged to bring them to the last town of San Juan and from there, walk their way to their various precincts. Depending on their destination, the BEIs with their military escort will walk a good one hour to reach the nearest *barangay* of Tineg. The farthest *barangay*, however, will see the BEIs with their military escorts walk all night to get there on

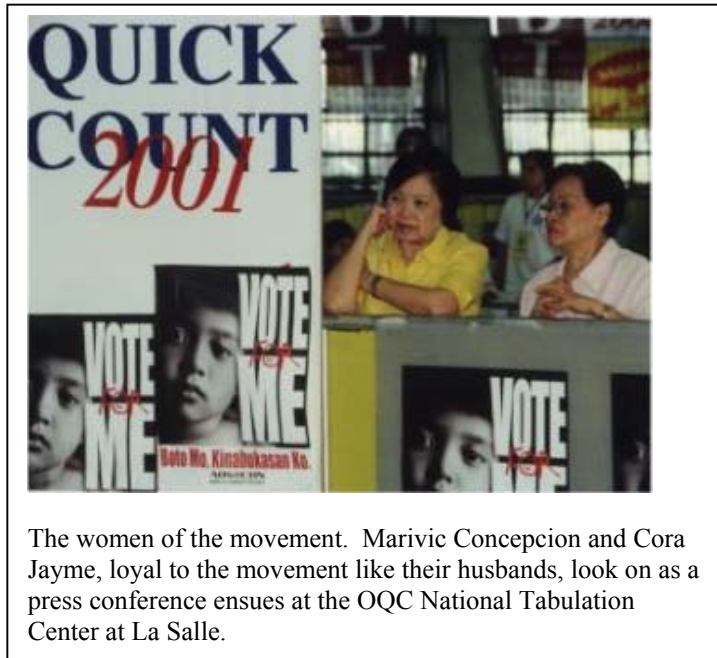


time for the opening of the polling place at 0700H. They therefore left the provincial capitol where they were staying for three days. When they were already in San Juan, a military jeep came running after them, and asked them to go back to Bangued. They were led to the PNP Camp in Bangued where they were told by the Task Force Abra that it was not safe to travel as armed men were sighted along the way in Tineg. This frustrated the teachers. They said that there was no imminent danger yet because after all, the ballots were not yet filled up. The teachers were told that they would better wait for the helicopter to airlift them. It became clear to everybody that the voting in Tineg will be postponed. The date will be decided by the Commission en banc. This occasioned Namfrel Central's discussion with Comelec commissioner Florentino Tuazon and the subsequent talk over the telephone by Pura Sumangil and the commissioner himself where he promised to take up the issue with his regional director. Some days later, the Commission en banc's decision to hold the election in Tineg was faxed to us. Namfrel advised us to send a copy to the Comelec Director, the Provincial Election Supervisor (PES) in Abra and to all concerned. There shall be a centralized counting of votes in Bangued. (It was later ruled that the counting shall be in Calaba Central School in Bangued, Abra.)

As per agreement with the Task Force Abra between the BEIs, the representatives of the political parties and Namfrel, the ballot boxes, teachers and watchers will be airlifted to northern Tineg. Those who will go to southern Tineg shall be driven in military trucks up to Vera, in Tineg and from there, walk their way to Caganayan, Apao, and Tapayen. The same procedures were to be observed after the election. Those from the southern part will be fetched in Vera by military trucks, those from the north will be airlifted.



Those coming from southern Tineg arrived in Bangued on May 20. The helicopter, for reason of the cloudy skies, flew



The women of the movement. Marivic Concepcion and Cora Jayme, loyal to the movement like their husbands, look on as a press conference ensues at the OQC National Tabulation Center at La Salle.

in only on the 21st of May. It brought in seven ballot boxes from Agsimao–three [ballot boxes], Anayan–one [ballot boxes], Lapat–one [ballot box], Balantay – one [ballot box], Naglibakan–one [ballot box] and Belaat–two [ballot boxes], with the election officer and members of the canvassing board. (The helicopter could not anymore retrieve the remaining ballot box because of the cloudy skies.) Meanwhile, at 1500H of this same day, the counting of votes of the seven precincts from the south (Caganayan–three precincts, Apao–three precincts, and Tapayen–one precinct) started and ended at 1700H the next day (May 22). Earlier on the same day, the helicopter once more flew to northern Tineg and succeeded in bringing in the remaining ballot box[es], watchers and BEIs but not all of them. In view of this, all the parties concerned agreed that if two BEIs are around, counting would proceed. The counting of votes from the north at 1500H with the last precinct finishing at 0830H on the 23rd of May. It was the most exciting poll watching many had ever seen. The party poll watchers were very fierce and truly strict during the appreciation of votes. Ppcrv/ Namfrel poll watchers from Bangued continued the duties of Tineg volunteers. (The distance renders the latter impossible to come down to Bangued.) While counting of the votes



from the north of Tineg was going on, the canvass of votes from the south begun and ended at around 1800H. The ERs from the north were later canvassed starting at 0500H of May 23rd. The tired and exhausted BEIs, poll watchers of the political parties and Namfrel found the legal skirmishes of the party lawyers much too much to bear. Anyway, at around 1100H, the winners were proclaimed.

On 19 June, Task Force Abra formulated and signed a resolution (excerpted) commending **police superintendent Eugene Gabriel Martin** stating, "P/Supt. Martin fully implemented his mandate by exercising decisive leadership, independence of mind and resistance from pecuniary rewards...had the courage to expose the participation of several Abra PNP personnel who provided the two Gs to the traditional "guns, goons and gold" methodology of the entrenched political warlords, particularly, the unauthorized small unit movement from his organization in the municipality of Tineg during the special election on May 19, 2001. In view of his unwavering performance as head of Task Force Abra, we strongly recommend that he be appointed Provincial Director of the Abra PNP Command.

From Namfrel **Bataan**

People have high expectations [of] Namfrel volunteers. Vigilance on election anomalies is an act of courage by itself.

From Namfrel **Benguet**

Namfrel is effective in preventing plans of some candidates to establish a trend [to make it look in their favor] during the counting of ballots. [Namfrel] helped present the true picture of the results of the elections, thus giving credibility to our electoral process.



In spite of the cold shoulder showed by some voting center officials, young Namfrel volunteers stood their ground. Volunteers endured the humiliation, hunger, [and] sleepless nights just to make sure that they get the ERs and are tallied at the Namfrel headquarters.

From Namfrel **Cagayan**

Namfrel was effective and recognized [by Comelec as its] citizens' arm. The volunteers were very much willing to help the BEIs in counting and tallying of votes.

Namfrel volunteer northern Luzon coordinator, Frances Salenga was superb.

From Namfrel **Kalinga** (report from Namfrel Kalinga coordinator, Sr. Cora Sanchez in behalf of Namfrel Kalinga chairperson, Bp. Carlito Cenzon,)

"Our work is not over yet. We still have to closely yet critically collaborate with the new set of elected officials. True empowerment of our people towards genuine participative governance is still a great task left on our hands. We hope we can do something about this. More power to the Namfrel network."

Many of our Namfrel volunteers have courageously and bravely been in their assigned precincts during the casting as well as the whole night counting of votes in spite of threats. Those in the OQC spent four straight nights and days tabulating the election returns. Volunteer assigned to precincts, which election paraphernalia were snatched, were able to safeguard the election returns. [In the municipality of Lubuagan, volunteers were able to secure the ER a few seconds before armed men snatched the other copies. Those ERs became the reference copy for the municipal canvassing.](#)



From Namfrel **Isabela**

Volunteers were not intimidated by the presence of goons in some areas. Fr. Gregorio Uanan, chancellor of the diocese and Namfrel spokesperson, announced over Bombo Radio that based on the ERs, there was vote-padding in Angadanan. He condemned the machinations to subvert the truth and the will of the people. Bishop Sergio Utleg and the clergy denounced the incidents of vote-buying, terrorism and vote-padding.

From Namfrel **Nueva Ecija** – (From the diaries of Namfrel Nueva Ecija coordinator, Fr. Edwin Beley)

“This has been a very demanding and busy week for me. I have gathered around 50 volunteers to man the different committee involved in the Namfrel quick count.

But I am inspired by the volunteerism that is present. People especially the young, flock the headquarters to help. Sometime they shell out something from their own pockets. They are great!

From Namfrel **Nueva Vizcaya** (reported by Namfrel Nueva Vizcaya coordinator Sr. Eden Orino, SPC and volunteer Mary Sagapan on 15 May)

On 14 May, Elimar Somera served as Ppcrv-Namfrel volunteer at precinct 47A-1 of Bitnog Elementary School. He witnessed the canvassing the whole night. At about 0400H of 15 May, he joined the team that brought the ballot boxes to Malasin, Dupax del Norte for the municipal canvassing. Afterwards, he proceeded to Ppcrv-Namfrel municipal headquarters at St. Anne Parish, Malasin to join other volunteers for the OQC. At about 1000H he went home to freshen up and went back to St. Anne parish on a motorcycle he borrowed from Ronnie Belmonte. Due to fatigue he accidentally bumped a “rip-rap” and was thrown off his motorcycle. He felt pain on the left side of his body from the neck down



to his buttocks. He could not even lift his arm nor move his shoulder. The motorcycle was heavily damaged. After the accident he returned the motorcycle to the owner with the help of a friend and went home to Bitnog where he submitted himself to a *hilot*. He was also examined at Veterans' Regional Hospital on 17 May.

From Namfrel **La Union**

Thanks to Namfrel, attempts at fraud were pre-empted because of the submission/collection of ERs.

Volunteerism among the youth is highly commendable.

From Namfrel **Nueva Vizcaya**

Namfrel's role was generally very commendable but it could still be improved in our province. The volunteers were vigilant.

Namfrel volunteers [probably did] nothing extraordinary except for the fact that they stayed during the canvassing to wait for the ERs despite the tiring day and sometimes without enough food.

From Namfrel **Pampanga**

Namfrel created positive partnership between civic, church and government institutions. It also provided a venue for ordinary people to express their love for country and concern for peace.

In [the municipality of] **Macabebe**, we only had one volunteer, **Noel Quiambao**. He covered all the precincts collected 155 out of 186 ERs, a noteworthy feat indeed. His secret was he coordinated with all the school chairpersons, explained his predicament and requested [for] their assistance.



From Namfrel **Pangasinan** (Alaminos chapter) – (letter (excerpted) of Namfrel Alaminos coordinator Ester Alkonga to Namfrel executive director Telibert Laoc on 30 July.)

“It had been another rewarding experience with so much enthusiasm of our volunteers even at times exasperating because of the continued ineptness of Comelec and the thought that we are all caught up into this. Indeed, we need automation of elections and hope that this election will be the last of this kind.”

Namfrel tried its best. People who counted on it are happy that in spite of the odds it managed to do its tasks. Still Namfrel is a tough act to follow. Others tried to prove they can do what Namfrel can do [but] they could not, so in this country it is [still] Namfrel. Obviously there is a plan to derail its operations with the very late accreditation by Comelec. But the volunteers were undaunted. Still volunteers came even if some have vowed to stop [after] every election because of the difficulties but when election time comes the call for patriotism and nationalism have continually moved many people to responds.

From Namfrel **Marinduque**

Vigilance and dedication in spite of the fact that they were not being paid and some did not sleep [and were] not able to eat properly - these in themselves is an act of courage by the Namfrel volunteers.

From Namfrel **Mandaluyong city, Metro Manila**

At the Plainview Elementary School, Ppcrv decided to walk out at around 0400H because of disagreement with the [party] watchers. Because of this, there were no more Ppcrv volunteers to escort the ballot boxes to the municipal canvassing area. Our polling [place] manager, Manuel



Bayaua (a first-time volunteer) personally escorted the ballot boxes and was able to secure all the ERs from the school, which is the second biggest polling place in the city.

Other first-time polling place manager who did a splendid job included:

1. **Peter Tirman** – At one point he was our lone representative at the Isaac Lopez Elementary School but he stayed there until he secured all the election returns.
2. **Rolando Gomez** and **Angelito Camia** – Both stuck it out at Mandaluyong Elementary School until all the ERs were in.



From Namfrel **Parañaque, Metro Manila** (report from Namfrel Parañaque alternate- co-chair, Sr. Remedios Centeno, DC, on 13 June)

The true-blooded Namfrel volunteers especially those who worked at the tabulation center once more proved their worth by working overtime for one whole week.

Namfrel volunteers remained faithful to their duty of watching the counting of votes, getting election returns from the BEI (some were rather uncooperative), and seeing to it that the ERs reach our tabulation center safely. These are all acts of courage, perseverance and love of country.



A Thanksgiving Mass was celebrated on Ascension Sunday, 27 May at the Daughters of Charity Provincial House chapel. A short *kumustahan* followed and guide questions using the appreciative inquiry approach were given for group sharing. The following is a summary of the sharing.

Question: *Ano ang iyong pinakamasaya/pinakamakahulugang karanasan bilang Namfrel volunteer nitong nakaraang eleksyon? Ano rin ang pinakahahirap?* (Experience)

Masaya at makahulugan:

- *Ang pagiging volunteer, pagtulong at paglilingkod ng walang hinihintay na bayad*
- *Ang maging bahagi ng isang pulitikal na gawain, kahit mahirap at "walang alam"*
- *Pagtitiwala, respeto at atensiyon mula sa BEI at ibang watchers; "angat sa iba"*
- *Maraming nakilala; pagkakaroon ng mga bagong kaibigan*
- *Natutunan and kahalagahan ng isang boto (di nagtally = recount)*
- *Maganda ring tingnan and iba't ibang "kulay" (political spectrum) na sama-samang gumagawa*

Mahirap:

- *Uncooperative BEIs; ayaw magbigay ng 6th copy*
- *Magkumbinse ng tao na magvolunteer*
- *Matagal at mahabang bantayan*
- *Mahirap basahin ang 6th copy*
- *Kulang sa orientation (both volunteers and BEI)*
- *Uneducated voters*



- Transfer of ballot boxes (dangerous; no more volunteers for this)
- When written authorization was being asked
- Insufficient facilities and/or materials

Question: *Ano ang inyong pinahahalagahan bilang isang Namfrel volunteer (Values)*

- To uphold truth, honest, integrity as volunteer (knowing yourself, your objective and ready to stand on them)
- To protect the sanctity of the ballot
- Being involved/commitment for the country/service and self-sacrifice
- Being vigilant and responsible
- Learning to be patient and respectful/polite to other people at the precincts especially the BEIs.

Question: *Sa susunod na eleksyon, anu-ano ang nakikita ninyong mga pagbabago sa Namfrel batay sa inyong naggging karanasan ngayon?*

(Suggestions re organization, operations, etc.)

- Proper briefing/more orientation for the volunteers (long before Election Day)
- Suggest/note to Comelec, more orientation/training for BEI/teachers
- Early coordination with Comelec and Department of Education
- Ppcrv and Namfrel coordination at the national level
- More volunteers (especially during the counting, not just to get the ER)
- Intensive voters' education (also for politicians)
- Preparedness in terms of facilities, especially number of computers, safety of programs, back-ups)
- Permanent authorized volunteers in the computers/greater security measures
- Authorization letter in addition to ID



From Namfrel **San Juan, Metro Manila**

All 21 polling places were manned by Voting Center Managers (VCM) and Assistant Voting Center Managers (AVCM). Many VCMs returned to the tabulation center to submit the ERs the day after Election Day without breakfast.

From Namfrel **Batangas**

Namfrel has once again proven that our work and advocacy for clean and honest election was very vital in the preservation of democracy. If not for the organization, there would have been widespread cheating and massive disenfranchisement of voters on its highest level.

We salute all the volunteers! *Isang pakikiisa ng mga kabataan para sa bayan!*

From Namfrel **Catanduanes**

Being a volunteer is already an act of courage. Even if they don't have any remuneration, yet they still volunteer themselves for the sake of conducting an honest and credible election.

Having a citizens' arm during election is very important. Without this type of vigilant people, election is not credible especially in this province where vote-buying is really rampant. Even though, we educate our people on the effects of vote-buying, yet they still sell their votes. However, in some areas of the province especially around the Virac poblacion, people are already conscious about vote-buying, they now vote according to their conscience. In the rural areas candidates tend to corrupt them with money.



From Namfrel **Laguna**

We are happy to report that the local Comelec have high regard for our volunteers, recognizing their efforts to be truly [their] citizens' arm.

From Namfrel **Capiz**

As ever, we take off our hats to the courage, unselfishness and untiring efforts of our local volunteers. We cannot but thank and commend them for their help.

From Namfrel **Guimaras**

In spite of death threats Namfrel volunteers still go out of their way to render service.

Submitted by Namfrel municipal chairperson of the municipality of **Buenavista**, police chief inspector Wilfredo Campo - Due to our position as member of the non-partisan group, people around especially the candidates were careful and did not attempt to harass the voters and the BEI. And the presence of Namfrel personnel on Election Day have done a great help in the conduct of clean and honest elections.

From Namfrel **Southern Leyte**

Namfrel, and even Ppcrv, may be able to conduct advocacy for a meaningful election or field volunteers at precincts, [but] these initiatives can never assure an honest elections. At least Namfrel managed to satisfactorily realize its objectives. Namfrel stirred in the volunteers a sense of service to the Filipino people and to the integrity of the electoral institution.



Some volunteers vehemently refused to become aides to the third member of the BEI. They knew it was not their task. Volunteers also argued intensely with the BEI chairpersons regarding the 6th copy.

Recommendation to Namfrel: push for the implementation of RA 8436 now! Never give up!

From Namfrel **Basilan**

Linkages were established with Comelec, DECS, and the military. We had the full support of the DECS and the military. We relied much on the military especially in retrieving the 6th copies from remote and difficult areas.

The parish priests and pastoral councils decided to back off from spearheading the movement for responsible voting. They had a feeling of dismay on the electoral process – too risky and dangerous. They claimed that the cheating happened in the municipal and provincial canvassing and claimed that Namfrel did not watch carefully. And the traditional politicians still won. And the Comelec is so corrupt and bribery existed within. The clergy eventually decided to be prayer warriors.

Given the lack of volunteers, Ppcrv-Namfrel conducted poll watching orientation to party watchers. It was received positively and produced striking relations from participants.

The mere existence of Ppcrv-Namfrel, although with few volunteers, minimized in a way the cheating or the thought of it in Basilan elections. Some people made observations that cheaters were extra careful in their movements.

Some concerns for the future election monitoring efforts:



1. Intensify political education among the youth to minimize being exploited by politicians. This would hopefully result to more volunteers in the future.
2. Better friendly cooperation and coordination with Comelec (if [they] are not corrupted), DECS, and the military and police.
3. Secure the 4th copy [instead of the 6th] or seek measures to make the 6th copy readable.
4. Lobby for the separation of national and local elections.

From Namfrel **Bukidnon**

The delayed accreditation of Namfrel affected the necessary preparation for the election. In spite of the fact that Namfrel was accredited too late, we were still able to organize and operate successfully, although with some worries.

Namfrel is really a great help and remains to be an important citizens' arm. It remains credible and effective in safeguarding the sanctity of the ballots. People could not imagine the next elections without Namfrel's participation.

Majority of our volunteers resisted being recruited a partisan [watchers]. They even refuse the good offers from other parties. Even if there was lack of financial assistance, we were able to recruit and organize.

From Namfrel **Compostela Valley** (reported by Namfrel Compostela Valley chairperson, Teolulo Pasawa on 14 August)

Operation Quick Count was a great success to us with more or less 300 volunteers in the province and in the municipalities, especially those who were deputized to get the election returns [from] the 11 municipalities.



We were the first Namfrel chapter throughout the country to fax the [results] of the first 10 precincts [from Nabunturan] to the OQC at 2130H on Election Day. We finished counting on 18 May [Day 4] at 2350H.

Namfrel as a citizens' arm really did a good job. Volunteers know what to do in situations that need their assistance. The chapter had communication facilities – from radio to fax machines. These were being provided and installed by civic spirited individuals who believe in the credibility of Namfrel.

Fr. Joseph Diaz, a volunteer, met an accident while he was taking keys of the ballot boxes from the Comelec. He was in a hurry because voters were already waiting and the boxes could not be opened because the keys were at the treasurer's office. The parish shouldered the bills.

Volunteers **Heracleo Bato** and **Jeremy Vegafria** dared dangerous roads and critical areas just to get the ERs intact from the municipality of Laak.

Volunteer Benita Bastasa and Carmen Valdez, in spite the fact that Comelec Maragusan did not give them the ERs, managed to give partial reports for our tally board.

Students supported by TESDA and DTI spent sleepless nights tabulating ERs. Civic spirited people donated food for the tabulators.

From Namfrel **Davao del Sur**

All Namfrel volunteers deserved to be recognized for their acts of courage and for allowing themselves to be part of the task in strengthening the process of free, honest, and meaningful elections and of preserving and safeguarding the integrity of the Filipino people.



Those who went to risky and far places were indeed very courageous and those who worked long hours at the OQC were commendable.

In spite of the limited time and resources it was very inspiring to note that many were willing to give time and effort for God and country. It is doubly inspiring to experience that 80% of those who volunteered were young people. The meetings, the prayer encounters, and the celebration created a deep sense of unity and bonding among the volunteers and commitment to work for the common good of our people and country.

From Namfrel **Lanao de Norte**

As expected, there was a delay in the canvassing of votes in the municipality/city level as well as in the provincial level. Because of this delay the situation was somewhat tense in many areas especially that *Puwera ng Masa* was winning over the People Power Coalition candidates. If not for the unofficial results of Namfrel the situation could [have been] worse.

The Diocese of Iligan decided to be involved only in voters' education. However, Dr. Clem Dumlao and yours truly [Godofredo Lumbo, provincial chair] were able to convince Bishop Emilio Bataclan and his parish priests to help in the collection of the ERs. Although many parish priests were quite reluctant, they recruited and organized their volunteers. If not for them, we would not have been able to collect some of the ERs. It was not just an act of courage on their part but sacrifice and humility.

Outstanding Comelec officials

1. [Norma Rosales](#), election officer of Baroy
2. [Teresita Gomera](#), election officer of Bacolod
3. [Ma. Isabel Baricuatro](#), Miago



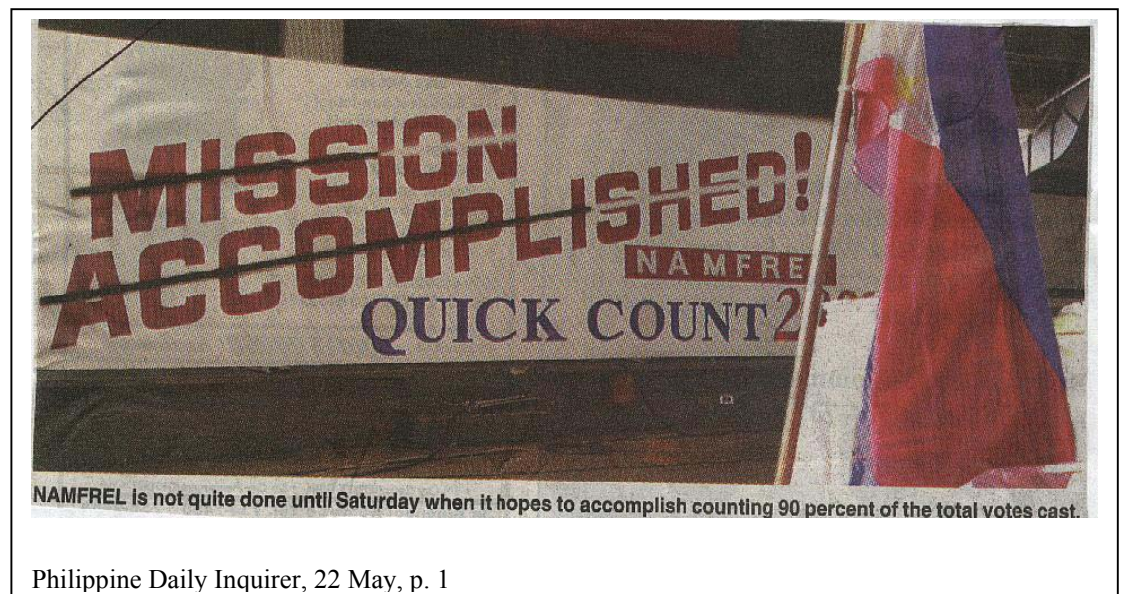
Namfrel volunteers were able to collect all the ERs and COCs and SOVPs from their municipality showing that the BEIs were all cooperative. We attribute this to the good leadership of the abovementioned election officers. We also did not receive any negative reports on the conduct of the elections in the above-cited municipalities.

From Namfrel **Lanao del Sur**

Namfrel provided the people true information on election matters. People were doubtful of the news like who is leading in the different [elective] positions. Every political camp says their candidates are leading.

From Namfrel **South Cotabato**

Continue the participation in politics through political education and monitoring of elected officials. For this purpose, revive Concerned Citizens for Responsive Governance (CCRG, registered with the SEC in 1992).





From Namfrel **Sulu**

A day before the elections Pangutaran and Lugus [municipalities] were having wars with Abu Sayyaf and among the candidates. But still the Namfrel volunteers accompanied the ballot boxes with the military. As a matter of fact the crowd applauded them when they were climbing up the six-by-six [military] truck.

From Namfrel **Zamboanga city**

We had an 80-year old volunteer, with great courage and inspiration. He reported with great concern and detail the election violations he observed. According to him, he had served as Namfrel volunteer since the 1980's.

We had a good number of volunteers who braved their assigned areas despite rain, inaccessible roads, no electricity and stayed in their posts till dawn [the day following Election Day].

The Quick Count was really quick. Election Day was Monday and we were done by 1600H of Friday. Based on our observations and interactions with some people at the city canvassing, [they opined] that the OQC served as a warning signal to people at the canvassing level. The Namfrel count served as basis whether there was cheating or not. One canvasser commented, "Namfrel should not finish its counting because its results somehow influences the canvassing results."



Postscript

2001 OQC Coverage - Senatorial and Party list (22 June 2001)

Region Province/chapter	Total precincts	Senatorial		Party list	
		Precincts reported		Precincts reported	
Total	200,987	167,780	83%	135,958	68%
1 CAR Abra	659	568	86%	592	90%
2 CAR Apayao	262	262	100%	260	99%
3 CAR Benguet	1,419	1,327	94%	862	61%
4 CAR Ifugao	430	426	99%	371	86%
5 CAR Kalinga	477	459	96%	354	74%
6 CAR Mt. Province	395	389	98%	311	79%
7 I Ilocos Norte	1,530	1,490	97%	1,450	95%
8 I Ilocos Sur	1,667	1,664	100%	1,643	99%
9 I La Union	1,833	1,741	95%	1,440	79%
10 I Pangasinan	6,101	4,718	77%	3,512	58%
11 II Batanes	50	-	0%	-	0%
12 II Cagayan	2,413	2,313	96%	130	5%
13 II Isabela	3,209	2,018	63%	2,082	65%
14 II Nueva Vizcaya	909	887	98%	887	98%
15 II Quirino	381	361	95%	335	88%
16 III Bataan	1,809	1,204	67%	494	27%
17 III Bulacan	5,806	4,456	77%	3,992	69%
18 III Nueva Ecija	4,471	4,013	90%	4,099	92%
19 III Pampanga	5,027	4,770	95%	4,153	83%
20 III Tarlac	2,888	2,711	94%	858	30%
21 III Zambales	1,828	1,632	89%	1,170	64%
22 IV Aurora	462	87	19%	87	19%
23 IV Batangas	5,111	4,003	78%	1,066	21%
24 IV Cavite	5,176	4,129	80%	3,809	74%
25 IV Laguna	5,102	2,044	40%	1,545	30%
26 IV Marinduque	587	579	99%	579	99%
27 IV Occidental Mindoro	876	876	100%	-	0%
28 IV Oriental Mindoro	1,654	1,302	79%	1,209	73%
29 IV Palawan	1,823	1,734	95%	1,732	95%
30 IV Quezon	4,121	3,376	82%	2,488	60%
31 IV Rizal	4,047	3,869	96%	3,491	86%



Region Province/chapter		Total precincts	Senatorial Precincts reported	Party list Precincts reported
32	IV Romblon	651	448 69%	345 53%
33	NCR Kalookan	2,757	1,928 70%	1,928 70%
34	NCR Las Piñas	1,125	949 84%	913 81%
35	NCR Makati	1,888	1,780 94%	1,780 94%
36	NCR Malabon	828	799 96%	799 96%
37	NCR Mandaluyong	806	785 97%	779 97%
38	NCR Manila	4,895	3,335 68%	2,608 53%
39	NCR Marikina	1,057	1,046 99%	1,045 99%
40	NCR Muntinlupa	928	922 99%	922 99%
41	NCR Navotas	480	470 98%	80 17%
42	NCR Parañaque	1,319	1,310 99%	1,215 92%
43	NCR Pasay	1,194	722 60%	812 68%
44	NCR Pasig	1,518	1,265 83%	1,265 83%
45	NCR Pateros	155	155 100%	155 100%
46	NCR Quezon City	5,709	5,685 100%	4,914 86%
47	NCR San Juan	364	362 99%	355 98%
48	NCR Taguig	1,072	1,020 95%	1,010 94%
49	NCR Valenzuela	1,177	1,076 91%	689 59%
50	V Albay	2,858	2,758 97%	2,666 93%
51	V Camarines Norte	1,071	1,019 95%	1,019 95%
52	V Camarines Sur	3,684	2,470 100%	1,431 39%
53	V Catanduanes	613	610 100%	610 100%
54	V Masbate	1,765	1,534 87%	888 50%
55	V Sorsogon	1,659	1,027 62%	925 56%
56	VI Aklan	1,212	1,156 95%	1,157 95%
57	VI Antique	1,233	1,221 99%	1,221 99%
58	VI Capiz	1,843	1,733 94%	1,843 100%
59	VI Guimaras	364	195 54%	362 99%
60	VI Iloilo	5,443	5,136 94%	4,895 90%
61	VI Negros Occidental	6,666	5,388 81%	4,685 70%
62	VII Bohol	3,029	2,843 94%	2,843 94%
63	VII Cebu	8,971	8,292 92%	1,673 19%
64	VII Negros Oriental	2,782	2,600 93%	2,232 80%
65	VII Siquijor	267	267 100%	267 100%
66	VIII Biliran	415	381 92%	381 92%
67	VIII Eastern Samar	1,115	909 82%	1,075 96%
68	VIII Leyte	4,441	4,225 95%	3,881 87%
69	VIII Northern Samar	1,356	1,090 80%	1,309 97%
70	VIII Samar	1,967	1,436 73%	1,305 66%
71	VIII Southern Leyte	1,071	1,061 99%	839 78%
72	IX Basilan	895	758 85%	490 55%



Region Province/chapter		Total precincts	Senatorial Precincts reported	Party list Precincts reported
73	IX Zamboanga del Norte	2,331	1,970 85%	1,795 77%
74	IX Zamboanga del Sur	3,612	3,509 97%	3,281 91%
75	IX Zamboanga Sibugay	1,248	1,237 99%	1,076 86%
76	X Bukidnon	2,549	2,524 99%	2,321 91%
77	X Camiguin	285	275 96%	- 0%
78	X Misamis Occidental	1,476	1,442 98%	1,471 100%
79	X Misamis Oriental	3,313	1,128 34%	1,167 35%
80	XI Compostela Valley	1,419	1,322 93%	1,321 93%
81	XI Davao del Norte	1,848	1,124 61%	1,177 64%
82	XI Davao del Sur	4,930	4,660 95%	4,572 93%
83	XI Davao Oriental	1,134	1,132 100%	1,132 100%
84	XI Sarangani	928	927 100%	927 100%
85	XI South Cotabato	2,646	2,461 93%	2,396 91%
86	XII Cotabato City	508	368 72%	10 2%
87	XII Lanao del Norte	1,983	1,389 70%	1,301 66%
88	XII Marawi City	210	119 57%	59 28%
89	XII North Cotabato	2,330	1,990 85%	1,022 44%
90	XII Sultan Kudarat	1,367	931 68%	397 29%
91	X Agusan del Norte	1,541	1,296 84%	1,224 79%
92	X Agusan del Sur	1,458	862 59%	884 61%
93	X Surigao del Norte	1,586	1,434 90%	1,469 93%
94	X Surigao del Sur	1,450	1,423 98%	1,275 88%
95	ARMM Lanao del Sur	1,719	1,055 61%	419 24%
96	ARMM Maguindanao	2,082	600 29%	- 0%
97	ARMM Sulu	1,213	600 49%	540 45%
98	ARMM Tawi-Tawi	655	428 65%	110 17%

Cases on the mayoralty, vice-mayoralty, and on councilors that are still pending with the Comelec

Source: Commission on Elections

- 1) Electoral Contests Adjudication Department (Judicial Records Division), "Status Report of Cases Pending Disposition Involving Mayoralty Positions, as of September 2002"
- 2) Status Report on Election Appeal Cases Involving Mayoralty Position (10/23/2002) – First Division Status Report on Election Appeal Cases



Involving May 14, 2001 Elections as of October 15, 2002 – Second Division

1. Dolores, Abra (for the position of councilor)
2. Libacao, Aklan (2 cases)
3. Bacacay, Albay
4. Lantawan, Basilan (for the position of vice-mayor)
5. Itogon, Benguet
6. Culaba, Biliran (2 cases)
7. Manolo Fortich, Bukidnon
8. Bulacan, Bulacan
9. Malolos, Bulacan
10. Baliuag, Bulacan (2 cases, 3rd case dismissed)
11. Bocaue, Bulacan
12. Pandi, Bulacan
13. Guiguinto, Bulacan
14. Angat, Bulacan (2 cases)
15. San Ildefonso, Bulacan (3 cases)
16. Viga, Catanduanes (for the position of vice-mayor)
17. Imus, Cavite
18. Gen. Trias, Cavite (resolved on 27Aug02)
19. Badian, Cebu (for the position of councilor)
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26. Pasil, Kalinga
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28. Alaminos, Laguna (3 cases)
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30. Tangkal, Lanao del Norte (dismissed on May 30, 2002)
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32. Mobo, Masbate
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cases)
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56. Indanan, Sulu (2 cases)
57. Bacuag, Surigao del Norte
58. Tago, Surigao del Sur
59. Cagwait, Surigao del Sur
60. Cortes, Surigao del Sur (for
the position of councilor)
61. Castillejos, Zambales (2
cases)



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INDONESIAN CIVIL SOCIETY STUDY TOUR OBSERVING ELECTION MONITORING IN THE PHILIPPINES Hosted by NAMFREL

Project Origins

The genesis of this project arose from discussions between Dr Sharon Bessell, formerly Executive Officer, CDI and Mr Laoc Telibert, NAMFREL national coordinator. Dr Bessell had observed the 1999 Indonesian elections including the important role played by Indonesian civil society. NAMFREL has been the leading force in citizen involvement in election monitoring in the Philippines since 1983. Indonesian civil society leaders interested in election monitoring could therefore benefit from seeing NAMFREL at work.

CDI funded the program and NAMFREL appointed Attorney Josefina Castro as visit coordinator. NAMFREL does not accept contributions from foreign organizations and no fee was charged for NAMFREL's considerable work in managing the program.

Valuable advice was obtained from the National Democratic Institute in the United States, which had conducted a similar program.

The selection of the Indonesian participants was undertaken by Professor Azyumardi Azra, Rector of the State Institute for Islamic Studies in Jakarta. The civil society groups from which participants were chosen included those involved in election monitoring, voter education and media analysis.

Program Outline

The program consisted of briefings and observation. The purpose was not to formally observe the Philippine Congressional elections of 14 May but to see how NAMFREL operated and to compare the experience with the 1999 Indonesian



election observation. The briefings covered the election system, election administration and election monitoring. Senior NAMFREL officials participated in the briefing but, regrettably, officials from the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) were unable to provide briefings as requested.

The observation phase was conducted with 5 local NAMFREL chapters in Metro Manila each hosting two Indonesian visitors. All the Indonesian visitors had been formally designated as election observers to allow them access to the polling places. The observation phase allowed the visitors to see how electoral officials prepared the polling places, how the vote was conducted and how the count was undertaken.

Observation of the Quick Count process at the NAMFREL National Tabulation Center allowed the visitors to see how information was obtained and authenticated from this vast archipelago, the country most similar geographically to Indonesia. The observers were able to witness the many difficulties inherent in such an exercise. Computer glitches are virtually inevitable but NAMFREL had the people on hand to deal with problems. Illegible returns were a common problem as NAMFREL was receiving the sixth copy prepared with carbon paper. Another problem was food poisoning of NAMFREL volunteers at the National Tabulation Center caused by contaminated sandwiches. This occurred even though it is a NAMFREL rule that volunteers accept no food from outside sources.

The positive aspects included the dedication of the volunteers many of whom were from faith-based organizations. The visitors were also able to see the respect in which NAMFREL is held in the Philippines and the authoritativeness of its results. There were also important precedents for Indonesia in communications procedures with the many outlying islands.

Assessment

One of the difficulties of conducting this sort of comparative work is that it requires some familiarity with the political system being observed. The free media in the Philippines was an excellent source of news and opinion and some newspapers have good web editions. The briefing sessions also helped to fill in holes. But the visitors for a short visit such as this are unable to become expert on the politics, electoral rules and social meaning of the process. Nevertheless, the participants picked up sufficient information to be able to make some quite sophisticated comparative observations at the debriefing session.

The issues at play in these Congressional elections were mainly related to the replacement of President Estrada by President Arroyo and the subsequent arrest of the former President on corruption charges. This aspect tended to overwhelm other issues as both sides employed a similar political rhetoric. The personality based nature of the election and the absence of a policy debate reflected similarities in Indonesia. But the dynastic nature of Philippine politics was not generally seen in Indonesia though, in Megawati, there was an obvious exception. Also the celebritocracy that was developing in the Philippines in the



form of actors and sports stars running for office has no current parallel in Indonesia.

The conduct of the elections in the Philippines appeared less orderly to the Indonesian visitors than elections in their own country. The death toll was high (approaching 70 in the course of the campaign). The electoral laws on distribution of publicity material, display of posters and presence unauthorized persons at the polling places were routinely ignored in the Philippines. The voting procedures tended to differ in small ways from one polling place to the next. There was little privacy and thus little secrecy for the voters.

Positive observations by the Indonesian observers included the way the election process was fully in the hands of the Philippine people with very little foreign involvement. The visitors saw the strength of the civil society movement involved in election monitoring as its grass roots support and volunteer base. The sponsorship of the business community of these civil society groups was seen as positive in that they were acknowledged openly. The ability of the Philippine civil society movement to network among each other was seen as another strength. Another feature that was admired by the visitors was the autonomy given to the local NAMFREL chapters. Indonesian instincts under Suharto's New Order had been to centralize all the various processes and this instinct remained. Finally, the involvement of women in the election process was commented on favourably. The large majority of teachers conducting the poll and observers monitoring it were women.

While there had been the inevitable program changes and while some of the visitors had wished to be more formally involved as election observers, the overall response to the project was very positive with many ideas emerging that might be useful in Indonesia and good contacts made with Philippine civil society leaders.

In hindsight, the major problem with the design of the project was the pressure it put on NAMFREL. NAMFREL's responsibilities are at their greatest in an election period and its volunteers had to give their attention to their core business. Yet the only time that NAMFREL can be observed in action is during the election period. Credit for the success of the project must therefore go to Attorney Josefina Castro for her commitment and devotion to ensure that the visitors had a fulfilling experience.



PROGRAM

Thursday 10 May	Facilitated discussion session	
0900-1000	Philippine Elections	
1000-1030	Philippine Election System and Procedures	
1030-1200	Specifics on the 14 May 2001 Elections	
1300-1500	Election Administration	
	Role of Civil Society in Philippine Elections	
Friday 11 May	Facilitated discussion session	
	NAMFREL	
0900-1000	Rational/Objectives	
1000-1100	Structure and Operations	
1100-1200	Recruitment and Training of Volunteers	
1300-1400	Poll-watching	
1400-1530	Operation Quick Count	
Saturday 12 May	Observation	
1430-1730 San Juan	Observe briefing session for volunteers, White Cross,	
	Sunday 13 May	Observation
1500-1830	Observe National Tabulation Centre, Greenhills	
	Monday 14 May	Observation of Election Monitoring
0430-0500	Briefing drivers	
0500-0600	Travel to different local NAMFREL Chapters as follows Marikina – Yulianti Asther, Andi Syahputra Antipolo – Fransisca Rarassari, Edward Omar Sharif Pasig – Mohamed Firdau, Raden Dwiprasetyo Muntinlupa – Burhanudin, Nong Darol Mahmada NAMFREL National – Renta Nababan, Rudy Harisyah	
Alam		
Tuesday 15 May	Immersion and Observation of Elections and Operation Quick Count with Respective NAMFREL Local Chapters	
<i>Wednesday 16 May</i>	<i>Observation at National Tabulation Center, La Salle, Greenhills</i>	
<i>Thursday 17 May</i>	<i>Debriefing/Feedback with Cora Ignatio and Roland Rich</i>	
<i>Friday 18 May</i>	<i>Departure for Indonesia</i>	



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