



# 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%	<b>Misreading</b> of votes, <b>deciphering</b> of handwritten names, <b>names written in the wrong spaces</b> , etc., causing exercise of discretion by the BEI
Counting of ballots at the precinct (by the Boards of Election Inspectors)	140 ballots	<b>Mistallying</b> 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	<b>Carry over of errors</b> from the ERs <b>Errors in transferring</b> of votes from the ER to the statement of votes by precinct (SOVP) <b>Errors in the addition</b> of votes (cross footing) by precinct in the SOVP <b>Errors in transferring</b> 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	<b>Carry over of errors</b> from the COCs <b>Errors in transferring</b> of votes from the COC to the statement of votes by city or municipality (SOV C/M) <b>Errors in the addition</b> of votes (cross footing) by totaled votes by city or municipality in the SOV C/M <b>Errors in transferring</b> of total votes from the SOV C/M to the Provincial Certificate of canvass



# Philippine 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 6<sup>th</sup> copy of the election return from each precinct in the country and the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2001 in Mandaluyong City.

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President, Picpa

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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. 6<sup>th</sup> 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 (6<sup>th</sup> 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 (6<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Rurserreccion 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."

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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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 ~~representatives~~ demands 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*

Philippine Daily Inquirer, 23 May, p. A17



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
Dylon	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, Education Secretary Raul S. Roco said.

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 6<sup>th</sup> 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

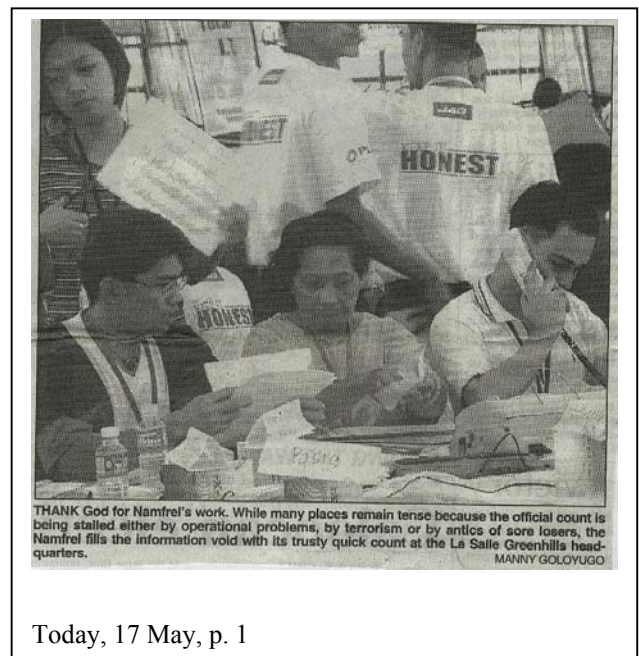
Letter of Namfrel national chairman Jose Concepcion, Jr. to Comelec chairman Alfredo Benipayo on 21 May, Day 7 after Election Day

"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 Dumlao, on 21 June, Day 7 after Election Day

Reconciliation of the number of votes from COC to overall provincial canvass by municipality for the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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*

**BY ALEX V. PAL**  
*PDI Visayas Bureau*

**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."

Philippine Daily Inquirer, 08 June, p. A15

### **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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> copies to be carbonless may have expired. Observation: All, **except our copy were unreadable**. Even the 7<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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
<b>Congressman</b>	Nograles	10	Bian	3
	Albay	4	Aportadera	1
	Alterado	2		
	Garcia	2		
	Orcullo	1		
<b>Mayor</b>	De Guzman	49	Duterte	8
	Duterte	10	De Guzman	7
			Celmar	2
<b>Vice Mayor</b>	Pala	27	Braga	9
	Bonguyan	6	Bonguyan	1
	Braga	1		
<b>Councilors</b>	Galicia	11	Cabling	50
	Rodriguez	10	Orcullo	49
	Orcullo	7	Gomez	43
	Luque	6	Barril	40
	Lumain	5	Gonzaga	23
<b>Party list</b>	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, Condrado 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 <b>Lanao de Sur</b>			
Municipality	Discrepancy of votes in ER and votes in the COC		
	Bubong	Marogong	Net
Independent			
1 De Castro	-138	1	-137
2 Bajunaid	-844	247	-597
<b>People Power Coalition</b>	<b>17,376</b>	<b>2,057</b>	<b>19,433</b>
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 <b>Lanao de Sur</b>			
<b>Pwersa ng Masa</b>	<b>23,469</b>	<b>677</b>	<b>24,146</b>
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	<b>Total cast</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>2,758</b>

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 4<sup>th</sup> 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**

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