

Republic of the Philippines  
COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS  
Manila

**IN THE MATTER OF DEPUTATION OF PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE PERSONNEL AND/OR TRAINEES OF REGION 10 AND ARMM TO SERVE AS SPECIAL BOARD OF ELECTION TELLERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE SPECIAL BARANGAY AND SK ELECTIONS SCHEDULED ON DECEMBER 15, 2007 IN AREAS WHERE NO BARANGAY AND SK ELECTIONS WERE HELD ON OCTOBER 29, 2007 IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION NO. 8374 DATED NOVEMBER 28, 2007.**

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**RESOLUTION NO. 8389**

WHEREAS, the Commission on Elections is constitutionally mandated to achieve its primordial objectives of holding free, orderly, honest, peaceful and credible elections;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Constitution, the Omnibus Election Code and other election laws, the Commission on Elections may deputize law enforcement agencies and instrumentalities of the government, including the Philippine National Police and exercise direct supervision and control over such agencies required by law to perform duties relative to the conduct of the elections;

WHEREAS, the Commission issued Resolution No. 8374 dated November 28, 2007 setting special elections on December 15, 2007 in the affected barangays where no elections were held for Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan on October 29, 2007;

WHEREAS, reports by field officials of the Commission have attributed most failure of elections to occurrence of rampant and widespread threats, harassments, and intimidations directed against members of the Board of Election Tellers, Board of Canvassers and civilians, terrorism, violence and political killings among candidates, their followers and supporters by indiscriminate use of firearms and other deadly weapons, to prevent the holding of the October 29, 2007 elections;

WHEREAS, there is a possibility that the teachers who were the original members of the Board of Election Tellers (BETs) in Barangays of affected municipalities in the Province of Lanao del Sur, Shariff Kabunsuan and Sulu will not serve this coming December 15, 2007 Special Election because of rampant and widespread threats, harassments and intimidations against them;

WHEREAS, to prevent the recurrence of such violent incidents and failure of elections in those affected barangays, the Commission deems it necessary to deputize the Philippine National Police (PNP) personnel and/or PNP trainees of Region 10 to act as Special Board of Election Tellers (SBETs) for the purpose of Special Election in the province of Lanao del Sur totaling about one thousand four hundred sixty one (1,461  $\leq$  487 total clustered precinct x3) and PNP trainees of ARMM equivalent to the number of BETs that will serve in precincts of barangays that failed in municipalities for the Provinces of Shariff Kabunsuan and Sulu;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commission on Elections, by virtue of the powers vested in it by the Constitution, the Omnibus Election Code, Republic Act Nos. 6646, 7166, 9006 and other related laws, has RESOLVED to deputize the PNP trainees in Region 10 for Lanao del Sur and PNP trainees in ARMM as Chairman or members of Special Board of Election Tellers where DepEd BET Chair/Members may not report for duty in all affected areas of Lanao Sur, Shariff Kabunsuan and Sulu where special

