



Republic of the Philippines
COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS
Manila

IN THE MATTER OF DEPUTIZING THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP), THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP), AND THE PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD (PCG) FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENSURING FREE, ORDERLY, HONEST, PEACEFUL, AND CREDIBLE CONDUCT OF THE MAY 12, 2025 NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS (NLE) AND BARMM PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (BPE).

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RESOLUTION NO. 11056

WHEREAS, Article IX-C, Section 2(4) of the 1987 Constitution empowers the Commission on Elections (Commission) to deputize, with the concurrence of the President, law enforcement agencies and instrumentalities of the Government, including the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), for the exclusive purpose of ensuring free, orderly, honest, peaceful and credible elections;

NOW THEREFORE, the Commission, by virtue of the powers vested in it by the Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines, the Omnibus Election Code and other related election laws, has **RESOLVED**, as it hereby **RESOLVES**, to deputize the AFP, the Philippine National Police (PNP) and the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) to ensure free, orderly, honest, and credible conduct of the May 12, 2025 National and Local Elections and BARMM Parliamentary Elections (2025 NLE and BPE):

SECTION 1. Coverage. - The AFP, PNP, and PCG are hereby deputized to ensure free, orderly, honest, peaceful, and credible conduct of the 2025 NLE and BPE.

SECTION 2. Duties and Functions of the AFP, PNP, and PCG as Deputies.

A. The AFP and PNP are hereby deputized with the concurrence of the President, to perform the following duties and functions:

1. Provide security to polling places, voting centers, canvassing centers, and such other places or buildings, including election paraphernalia, equipment, forms and supplies, that will be used in connection to the electoral exercises;
2. Provide security to the personnel of the Commission, its deputies and other persons performing election-related functions;
3. Deploy, at the least time possible, troops for election duty in coordination with the concerned Regional Election Director, Provincial Election Supervisor and Election Officer;
4. Make available, at the least time possible, land, air and water craft assets, communication systems and other equipment, in connection with the conduct of the elections;
5. Look into the existence of any armed group organized to commit, or which is committing or attempting to commit, acts of terrorism or threats to intimidate or coerce any person to vote for or against a candidate, and to suppress or prevent said acts of terrorism or threats;
6. Assist the Commission in implementing more effectively elections laws and/or rules and regulations, particularly the laws governing prohibition against military, policemen, and provincial guards acting as bodyguards or security guards for any public official, candidate, or any other person, and any of the latter who utilizes the services of the former as bodyguard or security guard, the use of armored vehicles and air or water craft, and the prohibition on bearing, carrying or transporting firearms and other deadly weapons in public places;
7. Provide security details to candidates for public office, including incumbent public officers seeking election to any public office, subject to the conditions and restrictions set forth by the Commission;

8. Conduct a periodic assessment of the peace and order conditions in critical areas and recommend measures which may be adopted by the Commission in the interest of free, orderly, honest, peaceful and credible elections;
9. Comply with and/or implement directives or resolutions of the Commission which shall take precedence over and above the orders and directives issued by any other office or agency of the Government, except the Supreme Court and those issued in *habeas corpus* cases; and
10. Render periodic reports on action taken in accordance with this Resolution to be submitted to the Commission, through the Committee on the Ban on Firearms and Security Concerns (CBFSC) via electronic e-mail at gunban@comelec.gov.ph.

The AFP, despite being deputized, shall continue with the conduct of all Internal Security Operations or its own regular functions and responsibilities.

B. The PCG is hereby deputized with the concurrence of the President, to perform the following duties and functions:

1. Provide security to, and render assistance in the deployment of (i) personnel and deputies of the Commission as well as other persons performing election-related duties; and/or (ii) election paraphernalia, equipment, forms and supplies;
2. Assist the Commission in implementing election laws and/or rules and regulations especially within the maritime jurisdiction of the country, including ports;
3. At the least time possible, deploy within the maritime jurisdiction of the country, troops for election duty in coordination with the concerned Regional Election Director, Provincial Election Supervisor and Election Officer;
4. Make available, at the least time possible, land, air and water craft assets, communication system and other equipment, in connection with the conduct of the elections;
5. Look into the existence of any armed group organized to commit, or which is committing or attempting to commit, acts of terrorism or threats to intimidate or coerce any person to vote for

or against the candidate, and to suppress or prevent said acts of terrorism or threats;

6. Conduct a periodic assessment of the peace and order conditions in which maritime jurisdiction of the country and recommend measures which may be adopted by the Commission in the interest of free, orderly, honest, peaceful and credible elections;
7. To render aid, including rescue operations, to (i) personnel and deputies of the Commission as well as other persons who, in the performance of election-related duties, are in distress at sea, and/or (ii) vessels in distress which are carrying election paraphernalia, equipment, forms and supplies;
8. To conduct inspections and emergency readiness evaluation on ships and vessels which will carry (i) personnel and deputies of the Commission as well as other persons, performing election-related functions; and/or (ii) election paraphernalia, forms and supplies;
9. Render periodic reports on action taken in accordance with these guidelines to be submitted to the Commission, through the CBFSC via e-mail at gunban@comelec.gov.ph; and
10. Comply with and/or implement directives or resolutions of the Commission which shall take precedence over and above the orders and directives issued by any other office or agency of the Government, except the Supreme Court and those issued in *habeas corpus* cases; and

The PCG, despite being deputized, shall continue its own functions and responsibilities.

SECTION 3. Precedence of Commission orders. – Orders issued by the Commission in connection with the 2025 NLE and BARMM PE shall take precedence over and above the orders and directives issued by any other office or agency of the Government, except the Supreme Court and those issued in *habeas corpus* cases.

However, nothing contained therein shall be construed as in any manner affecting or constituting an impairment of the Constitutional powers of the President of the Philippines to conduct and direct the general peace-keeping functions of the PNP.

SECTION 4. Effectivity. – Following the concurrence of the President of the Republic of the Philippines in the deputation of law enforcement agencies and instrumentalities of the government, including the AFP, this Resolution shall take effect on the seventh (7th) day after its publication in two (2) daily newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines.

SECTION 5. Publication and Dissemination. - The Education and Information Department shall cause the publication of this Resolution in at least two (2) daily newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines, and disseminate this Resolution for the information of the public.

The Executive Director shall furnish copies of this Resolution to the Secretary of National Defense, Chief of Staff of the AFP, Secretary of Transportation, Secretary of the Interior and Local Government, Chief of the PNP, as well as to all Regional Election Directors, all Provincial Election Supervisors, and all Election Officers of the Commission.

SO ORDERED.

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CERTIFICATION

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